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Orchid News

Next meeting: 29th January

RECENTLY AWARDED ORCHIDS - 2023



Vanda Little Gem 'River' AD



Ctsm. tenebrosum 'Jonothan's Regret' AM



Den. Gowan's Tangello 'Marley' AM



Den. Debonair 'Annabelle' AM & ACM

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

WHAT'S ON AT FUTURE OSNSW MEETINGS

- 29 January:** Amy Hinsley, FNQ, Orchid Trade in Threatened Orchid Species
- 26 February:** TBA
- 25 March:** TBA

OSNSW MANAGEMENT 2024

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another year has gone but this new year should be good for all your orchids. We have our meeting on the last Monday of each month.

All judges should attend as there maybe an orchid that should be awarded. It's also part of being a metropolitan judge that you attend OSNSW.

Our benching are always spectacular, we also have speakers by zoom. I encourage you all to attend.

Irene

Orchid Society of NSW 27 November 2023 General Meeting, Ermington Community Centre 4 River Rd Ermington

Opening : Meeting opened by the President Irene Chalmers at 7.15pm who welcomed members and visitors to the last meeting for 2023 and our Christmas celebration.

Irene welcomed representatives from our Affiliated Societies and said she hoped that everyone enjoyed the magnificent 'spread' which has been prepared for us this evening.

It is so good to return to our traditional celebration, Please thank those who made this evening happen!

Visitors: Representatives from many of our Affiliates – Campbelltown, Nth Shore, Five Dock RSL, Berowra, Eastwood, Hawkesbury, Bankstown, Blue Mountains & Penrith, Paphiopedilum, Manly Warringah

Apologies: Ku-ring-gai, Woolgoolga, Sutherland, John Allen, Jan Robinson, Lesley and Garrie Bromley

Order of service this evening:

1. Table seating...find a seat and sit on it then it's yours for the evening.
2. ALL food and drinks are self service.....I hope you remembered your implements?
3. For members only, there is a special resolution in progress (as notified by message to all members) Please see Toni for ballot and vote as soon as you arrive.
4. We were to present our perpetual trophy for winning pointscore to Garrie and Lesley Bromley however they are are not here due to illness so we will take the trophy to present at the Nth Shore Christmas party.
5. Our raffle, organised and conducted by Toni, will be drawn a little later this evening, please put your gift on the raffle table.
6. Tea/coffee will be available after dessert on the side table. Our christmas cake is courtesy of Lesley Bromley (thank you Lesley)

Call to attention: at 7.30pm the meeting was called to attention by Committee member and NSW Registrar Ian Chalmers who spoke about the motion which was made by Garrie Bromley and seconded at the November Executive meeting of OSNSW "that Irene Chalmers, Veronica Clowes and Lesley Bromley be awarded Life Membership of the Orchid Society of NSW for service to the society over many years, largely unrecognised."

Ian told members that the vote for each candidate was overwhelmingly in favour of the special resolution i.e. that Irene Chalmers, Veronica Clowes and Lesley Bromley be awarded Life Membership of the Orchid Society of NSW. He presented badges to Irene and Veronica (who also accepted Lesley's badge)

Congratulations to Irene, Veronica and Lesley.

Ian then handed out recent award certificates.

Dinner was then served: Veronica explained the buffet system and invited everyone to 'dinner'.

Raffle: Toni was in charge of the raffle.

In closing: Irene asked that members assist with the packing up of the hall, she offered good wishes to all, both present and not, for a very Happy Christmas, a bright and prosperous New Year. Safe travels for those who are taking a break and we'll see you all on the last Monday in January 2024!

Thank you everyone for your attendance.....Good Night

Affiliated Society's opportunity to promote and advertise at the Royal Easter Show 2024



Hello to all our affiliates,

There is again an opportunity for you to advertise your society to the general public at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. The 2024 Show runs from Thursday 21 March to Tuesday 2 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 (26 and 27 March, and 1 and 2 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 26 March & March 27, 1 April & 2 April.

Please contact me if you are willing to volunteer for a shift (free entry for the day of your shift) I will have the roster at OSNSW meetings on 29 January and 26 February 2024, or call me if you wish.

Please contact Veronica for further info: secretary@orchidsocietynsw.com.au

******* ATTENTION SECRETARIES & TREASURERS - INSURANCE RENEWALS 2024 *******

Dear Secretaries & Treasurers,

It is that time of year again to start preparing your insurance information for OSNSW.

The cost per member is unlikely to rise (we hope) for both Public Liability and Volunteers Personal Accident cover. There is no age limit to the volunteers involved in the Personal accident policy. The relevant form is now available on the website:

<https://orchidsocietynsw.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/ApplAffSocPublicLiabilityInsurance.pdf>

for those societies who wish to take up our Insurance offer.

Completed forms with Member Numbers and *'Interested Party' Information

MUST be with Veronica before 19th February please - no reminder will be sent and no interested parties will be added on the policy after 1st March, 2024

Veronica must finalise with the insurers before 1st March.

Preferred method of Payment is via Direct Deposit: BSB: 032-080 | Acct No. 558587 | Westpac

Alternatively if you are unable to do Direct Deposits, please post a cheque to: PO Box 5396 Chullora NSW 2190,

For further information or help ring Veronica on 0424 070 757, or email: secretary@orchidsocietynsw.com.au.

* Interested Party is the venue where you have each of your shows.



Orchids
Out West

17-19 May 2024
 Hawkesbury Showground

Orchids Central

4-6 October, 2024

Club Condell Park
178 Eldridge Rd, Condell Park





INVITATION

2024 SOUTH AND WEST REGIONAL WORKSHOP

9 - 10 March, 2024

Shoalhaven Orchid Society is pleased to be hosting the next regional workshop and cordially invites your club members to

SAVE THE DATE!



Come join us at the Nowra Golf Club overlooking the beautiful Shoalhaven River for a one and a half day workshop spent with like minded orchid enthusiasts. There will be guest speakers and orchid vendors on site. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided on Saturday and morning tea on Sunday. A joint dinner will be organised (at own expense) on the Saturday night.

Accommodation is available in Bomaderry and Nowra and there are nearby camping and caravan parks.

Further details regarding guest speakers and vendors, start/finish times and registration costs will be made available early 2024.

JUDGES ROSTER 2024

	January	February	March
Panel 1 Class 1-11	W Chapman C Scott-Harden D Law	N Gill D Law K Siew	J Fulcher C Polis J Gouvoussis
Panel 2 Class 12-22 Nov. 40-42	C Rethers J Robinson G Bromley P Serb	M Aldridge P D'Olier S Tay	W Chapman P Miszalski P Serb
Panel 3 Class 23-33 Nov. 43-44	P D'Olier P Miszalski J Gouvoussis	L Bromley J D'Olier T Yee	K Koutsoukis C Rethers J Robinson

N.B. Reserves and Ass. judges for panels will be chosen on the night