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Next meeting: 25 March

**HYBRID OF THE NIGHT**

*Den. Blue Planet*  
Joe Gafa

**SPECIES OF THE NIGHT**

*Hab. medusae*  
Seong Tay



17-19 May 2024  
Hawkesbury Showground

Orchids  
Out West 

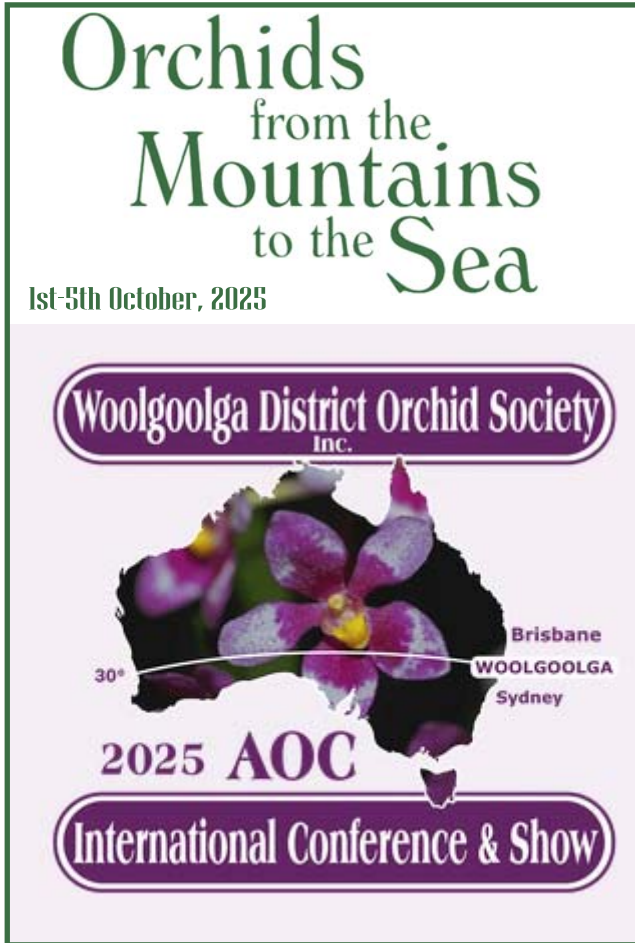
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Meeting Venue: Ermington Community Hall, River Rd, Ermington NSW 2115, last Monday of the month

**WHAT'S ON AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

- 25 March:** Ken Siew will be talking on Miniature and Cold growing Vandaceous
- 29 April:** Ian and Irene will talk about their adventures in Taiwan and Dresden

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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The World Orchid Conference had lots of great orchid displays with many beautiful benched orchids as well. It was great to catch up with friends. We move on to the European Orchid Conference and I'm sure the orchids will be great as well as friends.  
 Irene



**Manly Warringah Orchid Society Orchid Auction**

Cromer Community Centre, Fisher Rd North, Cromer

**Sunday 14th April**

Catalogue:

<https://orchidsocietynsw.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/MWAuctionCatalogue14042024.pdf>

**MEMBERSHIP JOINING FEES**

- Metro Member & 1st Yr (Incl. Name badge) \$40.00
- Joint Metro & 1st Yr (Incl. Name badges) \$62.00
- Single Country or Interstate & 1st Yr \$22.00
- Joint Country or Interstate & 1st Yr \$29.00

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- Joint Metropolitan Members \$32.00 (i.e. \$27 membership and \$5 for insurance)
- Single Country and Interstate Member \$22.00
- Joint Country and Interstate Member \$29.00 (i.e. \$24 membership and \$5 for insurance)
- Associate Member \$20.00
- Overseas Member \$32.00
- Affiliated Society \$62.00
- 11 Posted issues of Orchid News \$12.00 (Orchid News is normally emailed)
- If you require a receipt mailed to you please include \$1.20 in your payment.

**JUDGES ROSTER 2024**

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

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

**Orchid Society of NSW General meeting held on February 26<sup>th</sup> 2024 at the Ermington Community Centre River Rd Ermington NSW**

**Opening:** Tonight's meeting was opened by the Secretary Veronica Clowes at 8.00pm who welcomed those present to our February General meeting.

She reminded members and guests that social distancing is still encouraged and that the wearing of masks is a personal preference.

She asked that those present also sign the attendance book and asked that members enjoy the plants benched tonight. A little later we will see some of the recent Australian Awarded orchids presented by Garrie Bromley.

**Visitors:** Nil tonight

**New Members:** Peter Latham of Kempsey NSW

**Confirmation of minutes:** We ask that the minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 meeting be confirmed....moved for acceptance by Veronica Clowes seconded by Richard Blaxland - Accepted.

**Apologies:** John Allen, Irene and Ian Chalmers, Thuy Tran, Linda Chang, Bailey Wong and Frank DeZotti.

**Matters Arising:** Left over presentation: The trophy for the general pointscore of 2023 was awarded to Lesley and Garrie Bromley. Pointscore plants from our Christmas meeting were presented to Jean Fulcher and Kelly Xu.

**General Business:**

- **Supper assistance:** Would someone please volunteer to assist with supper at meetings, also, someone is needed to help Toni collect the benching accessories. (Benching cards, place numbers etc) Thankyou Linda Chang for assisting with the collection of benching equipment after judging at the January meeting, we really appreciate your help.
- **Annual Subscriptions:** Unfinancial members no longer receive Orchid News.
- **Affiliated Societies Photographic Competition:** The competition has been run and won for 2023 and we were disappointed with the smaller number of entries this year. I ask you all to go back to your other societies and encourage participation in this event. It would be a shame to see it cancelled because of poor participation.
- **RAS Easter Show 22<sup>nd</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024:** Orchid Judgings are on March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. (So, orchids are on display on March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, and on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.) Entries for the competition closed on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Veronica needs volunteers for the orchid cart roster....please talk to her about when you might be able to volunteer and get free entry to the show. The roster is here and will be finalised tonight, hopefully tickets will be available soon for distribution.
- **Orchids Out West (17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024):** First meeting of committee was by Zoom on 4th February ....update by Toni – Everything going to plan, 2 new vendors at OOW this year (Rosella – returning after an absence, and Kingfisher Orchids)
- **Orchids Central ( 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024):** First meeting of committee on March 1st.
- **Ira Butler Competition:** Open for entries. Irene told members that numbers of entries to this competition have also declined over the last couple of years, please consider entering your native orchids.
- **'Orchids from the Mountains to the Sea' (1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025)** To be hosted by Woolgoolga Orchid Society – news as it comes to hand. I believe that the list of prizes has been released, seeking sponsorship from societies and individuals. Perhaps look to their website for more information refer to website: aoc2025.org.au. Woolgoolga also will be hosting a weekend workshop on October 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> 2024. This weekend was a very popular 'weekend away' in 2023.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Cheque account balances at 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 total \$14,430.25 Term deposits total \$150.000

Public Liability Insurance: Current 2023/24 Certificate of Currency on OSNSW website

**Notice of renewal went out to the affiliated societies who take out cover under our policy asking that numbers of members needed to be with Veronica by 19<sup>th</sup> February please, and monies to our account by March 1<sup>st</sup> (end February)**

**NB: an increasing amount of our affiliates are requesting venues be added to the 'Interested parties' section of our Public Liability POLICY. IF you wish to add an 'Interested Party' to our policy in 2024, please nominate the party on your renewal application.**

**Registrar's report:**

Presented by Garrie Bromley

Awards – Nil this month

Garrie presented recently received award certificates to those members present.

**Break for supper**

**Guest Speaker**

Tonight we have a presentation of awarded orchids from most Australian States by Garrie Bromley. It was interesting to compare the judging results between our states.

Tonight's benching results – Congratulations to our winners:

Best Species: *Habenaria medusa* (Seong Tay)

Best Hybrid: *Den. Blue Planet* (Joe Gafa)

Lucky exhibitor: James Chan

Raffle prizes tonight were won by Toni Benton, Joel Cass, Kelly Xu x 2, Richard Blaxland & Christine Rethers

Next month (March 25<sup>th</sup>) will be a talk on Miniature and cold growing Vandaceous orchids by Ken Siew  
April will be a look at the World Orchid Conference in Taiwan (Feb 2024) by Ian Chalmers.

The meeting closed with Veronica asking members to assist with the pack up of the hall, and to have a safe trip home.

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### SPECIES OF THE NIGHT:

*Habenaria medusa* is a beautiful species native to Southeast Asia with intermediate-warm temperatures. This is a plant that goes dormant in the autumn and winter and flowers in Summer. The leaves eventually die back and there is an underground tuber that waits till the days get longer to grow and develop flowers. When in the dormant period water every 3 weeks when there are no leaves. The tubers can be kept in the dark at this time. Water more frequently when new growth begins allowing the potting mix to just approach dryness between watering. The spidery 3-4 inch white flowers with an orange centre are magnificent to look at and there is a nice light fragrance. Grow in medium light to somewhat shady conditions. Fertilize in Summer but not when the leaves begin to die back or when the plant is dormant.

(Courtesy: Orchid Ltd: OrchidWeb.com)



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### *Dendrobium smillieae*

*Dendrobium smillieae*, commonly known as the **bottlebrush orchid**, is an epiphytic or lithophytic orchid with large, spongy pseudobulbs, thin, bright green leaves which are shed after their first year and crowded flowers in a bottlebrush-like arrangement. The flowers are white, to cream-coloured or pink and the labellum has a shiny, dark green tip. Flowering normally occurs from August to November.

*Den. smillieae* is widespread and common, growing on trees and sometimes on rocks, in woodland, forest and rainforest margins. It prefers trees which are exposed to sunlight and commonly grows on trees such as *Lophostemon suaveolens* (swamp turpentine or swamp box) which have loose papery bark. The roots of the orchid penetrate below the bark and form large mats which are well protected beneath the bark. It is found in New Guinea, including on the Bismarck Archipelago, on the Aru Islands, on some Torres Strait Islands and on the Cape York Peninsula as far south as Townsville. It is also found in eastern Indonesia (Sulawesi and Maluku).

The flowers of this orchid produce nectar and are pollinated by the yellow Honeyeater (*Stomiopera flava*) also known in Queensland as the canary honeyeater. The bird hovers in front of the flowers while feeding on the nectar.

(Courtesy: Wikipedia)



**SOCIETY SHOWS APRIL-JULY 2024**

<b>April</b>	Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts Orchid Society	6-7	Melrose Hall, Cnr Great Western Hwy & Park St Emu Plains
	Maitland & Coalfields District Orchid Society	27-28	Cessnock Scouts Hall, 284 Maitland Rd Cessnock
<b>May</b>	Hawkesbury District Orchid Society	2-4	Richmond Market Place, March St Richmond
	Western Suburbs Orchid Society	10-12	Ashfield Mall, 260A Liverpool Rd Ashfield
	Orchids Out West 2024	17-19	Philip Charley Pavilion, Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon
	Bankstown Orchid Society	23-25	Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Level 1, 92 Parramatta Rd Lidcombe
	Macleay Valley Orchid Society	25-26	Masonic Hall, 24 Tozer St West Kempsey
<b>June</b>	Great Lakes orchid Society	8-9	Forster Public School, Head St Forster
	Camden Haven Orchid Society	8-9	Laurieton United Services Club, Seymour St Laurieton
	North Shore Orchid Society	13-15	St Ives Shopping Village, Mona Vale Rd St Ives
	Manly Warringah Orchid Society	21-23	Belrose Super Centre, Level 1, 4-6 Niangala Close Belrose
	Blacktown City Orchid Society	22-23	Seven Hills Shopping Plaza, 224 Prospect Highway Seven Hills
	Mingara Orchid Club Fair & Show	29-30	Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi
<b>July</b>	Hawkesbury District Orchid Society	4-6	Richmond Market Place, March St Richmond
	Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts Orchid Society	6-7	Melrose Hall, Cnr Great Western Hwy & Park St Emu Plains
	Leisure Coast Orchid Society	6	Woonona/Bulli RSL455-459 Princes Hwy Woonona
	Maitland & Coalfields District Orchid Society	6-7	St James Anglican Church Hall, Tank St Morpeth
	Illawarra District Orchid Society	6-7	Senior Citizens Hall Benaud St Warilla
	Milton Ulladulla Orchid Society	6-7	Ulladulla Civic Centre, Princes Highway Ulladulla
	Eurobodalla Orchid Club	12-13	Moruya CWA
	Eastwood & District Orchid Circle	11-13	Eastwood Shopping Centre, 152-160 Rowe St Eastwood
	Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society	20-21	Batemans Bay Soldiers Club, Beach Rd, Batemans Bay
	Bankstown Orchid Society	25-27	Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Level 1, 92 Parramatta Rd Lidcombe

# ORCHIDS CENTRAL

4-6 October, 2024

Club Condell Park, 178 Eldridge Rd, Bankstown



## BENCHING RESULTS FEBRUARY 2024

**Best Hybrid:** Joe Gafa  
**Best Species:** Seong Tay

*Den. Blue Planet*  
*Hab. medusa*

## Open Classes - Hybrids

## Class 3 - Laeliinae 120mm and over

1. L&G Bromley *Rlc. Toshie Aoki 'Amanda Fay'*
2. J Gafa *Otra. Pink Delight 'Burdekin'*
3. FMusial&LChang *Rlc. Zelda's Star*

## Class 4 - Laeliinae Cluster (min 5 Flowers)

1. J Gafa *Cat. Caudebec Candy*
2. FMusial&LChang *(Rlc. Fantasy Maker x C. Lulu) x C. Penny Kuroda*
3. L&G Bromley *C. Caudebec Candy 'Nicole'*

## Class 5 - Laeliinae (71mm - 119mm)

1. F Musial&LChang *Rlc. Hsinying Aloha 'C.H. Super'*
2. L&G Bromley *Ctna. Dal's Strike 'Veronica'*
3. L&G Bromley *Rly. Hawaiian Queen 'Bette'*

## Class 6 - Laeliinae Miniature (up to 70mm)

1. L&G Bromley *Gct. Dash of Brandy 'Gem'*
2. L&G Bromley *C. Jeanne Woolf 'Zoe'*
3. P&J D'Olier *C. Chief Gem 'Red Jewel'*

## Class 8a - Cypripedioideae Other

1. S Tay *Paph. Dollgoldi*
2. S Tay *Paph. Vanguard*
3. S Tay *Paph. Goya*

## Class 9 - Specimen Orchid

1. FMusial&LChang *Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder'*

## Class 11 - Seedling any hybrid genera

1. FMusial&LChang *Rlc. Rosella's Caudebec Leopard x Ctt. Chocolate Drop*
2. FMusial&LChang *Rlc. Rosella's Caudebec Leopard x Ctt. Chocolate Drop*

## Class 13 - Phalaenopsis (51mm-75mm)

1. L&G Bromley *Phal. Bedford Golden Taylor*

## Class 14 - Phalaenopsis (up to 50mm)

1. J Fulcher *Phal. Joy Pink Princess*

## Class 15 - Vandaceous (up to 50mm)

1. P&J D'Olier *Vasco. Alice's Anie*
2. L&G Bromley *Van. Pine Rivers 'Wasana'*
3. L&G Bromley *Van. Pine Rivers 'Blue'*

## Class 16 - Vandaceous (50mm and over)

1. L&G Bromley *V. Roslyn's Best 'Brighton'*
2. L&G Bromley *V. Tristar Gold 'Adisaks Gold'*

## Class 17 - Dendrobium

1. J Gafa *Den. Blue Planet*
2. J Gafa *Den. Isabel Sander*
3. L&G Bromley *Den. Fraser's Sulphur Dragon*

## Class 18 - Oncidiinae (&gt; 61mm)

1. J Chan *Pyp. Menderhall 'Hildos'*
2. FMusial&LChang *Milt. Cogniauxiac*
3. FMusial&LChang *Milt. Purple Dancer*

## Class 19 - Oncidiinae (36-60 mm)

1. RG Blaxland *Odt. Witch's Jewels 'Ivory Lips'*

## Class 19A - Oncidiinae (up to 35mm)

1. J Gafa *Gom. Moon Shadow*
2. A Baker *Odm. Wildcat 'Bobcat'*
3. JG Blaxland *Vuyl. Aloha Passion*

## Class 20A - Australian Native Hybrids Other

1. L&G Bromley *Den. Topaz Dream*
2. RG Blaxland *Den. Australian Tweetiebow*

## Class 22 - Hybrid Not Elsewhere Specified

1. J Gafa *Ctism. Cape of Island*
2. C Scott-Harden *Bulb. fascinator x frostii*
3. RG Blaxland *Z. unknown*

## Open Classes - Species

## Class 23 - Laeliinae

1. C Scott-Harden *C. reginae fma. alba*
2. L&G Bromley *C. maxima coerulea*
3. P&J D'Olier *Epi. robustum alba*

## Class 24 - Cypripedioideae

1. S Tay *Paph. concolor*
2. S Tay *Paph. bellatulum*

## Class 25 - Vandaceous

1. J Fulcher *Phal. bellina*
2. C Polis *Phal. hieroglyphica alba*
3. C Scott-Harden *Aergs. biloba*

## Class 26 - Oncidiinae

1. C Polis *Onc. papilio*
2. A Baker *Pyp. krameriana*
3. RG Blaxland *Onc. planilabre 'Christina'*

## Class 27A - Bulbophyllum

1. J Gafa *Bulb. tingabarinum*
2. C Scott-Harden *Bulb. cootesii*
3. P&J D'Olier *Bulb. carunculatum*

## Class 28 - Australian Native Dendrobium

1. C Polis *Den. smilliae*
2. RG Blaxland *Den. cadetia taylori*
3. C Polis *Den. bigibbum 'Lesley'*

## Class 29 - Australian Native Other

1. C Polis *Phal. rosenstromii*

## Class 30 - Miniature flowers

1. R Blaxland *Cad. taylori*
2. P&J D'Olier *Cleis. scortechinii*
3. RG Blaxland *Sgm. radicans*

## Class 31 - American Species Other

1. FMusial&LChang *W. amazonica*
2. RG Blaxland *Gga. galeata*
3. RG Blaxland *Psh. allemanoides*

## Class 32 - Pleurothallidinae

1. P&J D'Olier *Acia. prolifera*

## Class 32A - Coelogyninae

1. P&J D'Olier *Coel. usitana*
2. RG Blaxland *Coel. speciosa*
3. RG Blaxland *Ddc. latifolium var. macranthum*

## Class 33 - Species not elsewhere specified

1. S Tay *Hab. medusae*

## Novice

## Class 44 - All other species

1. K Xu *Den. dearei*

Selection of Benched Plants February 2024



*Rlc.* Toshie Aoki 'Amanda Fay' (L&G Bromley)



*Ctsm.* Cape of Island (J Gafa)



*Paph.* Goya (S Tay)



*Cat.* Caudebec Candy (J Gafa)

*Paph.* Dollgoldi (S Tay)

