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Next meeting: 27 May

HYBRID OF THE NIGHT

Rgy. Mary Eliza (L&G Bromley)



SPECIES OF THE NIGHT

Phal. celebensis (B Wong)



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WHAT'S ON AT FUTURE MEETINGS

27 May: Helen Milner from the British Orchid Society.

The Topic will be on Restrepia, ecology, pollination etc and overview of few different species.
The talk will be via zoom and members who live over 100 Km away may view the talk. If you wish to watch it via zoom please send a request to ianchalmers73@gmail.com.



Onc. chrysomorphum (C Polis)

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JUDGES ROSTER 2024

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

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

Orchid Society of NSW General meeting held on April 29th 2024 at the Ermington Community Centre River Rd Ermington NSW

Opening: Tonight's meeting was opened by the President Irene Chalmers at 8.00 pm who welcomed those present to our April 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. We note the passing of **David Butler** and stand in silence to remember him. (Irene asks members to stand for 1 minutes silence). Tonight we will see excerpts of the WOC recently held in Taiwan and produced by Ian and Irene Chalmers

Visitors: Nil this evening

New Members: Welcome to our new members: Khin Kyaw Zaw Lwin, Rev. Peter Dunstan, Tom and Joanne Cusack and Tony Agrela

Confirmation of minutes: We ask that the minutes of 25th March 2024 meeting be confirmed....moved for acceptance by Veronica Clowes seconded by Toni Benton - Accepted.

Apologies: Chin Wong, John Allen, Alan Baker, Frank DeZotti, Fred Musial, Linda Chang.

Matters Arising: Nil

General Business:

- **Taxation matters for Affiliated Societies:** All of our affiliates who have an ABN (Australian Business Number) are now required to lodge a NFP (not for profit) self assessment return to the ATO annually. This is compounded for those societies who also use a cashless payment system for earnings (like show sales tables and Bunnings sausage sizzles). OSNSW is a registered charity under ACNC with a tax exemption, our affiliates are NOT covered by that 'umbrella', nor can they be, under the present Taxation system. Information about the NFP self assessment can be found on the ATO website, the form required will also be there from July 1st 2024 (but NOT now!) Lodgement of the NFP self assessment must be by October 31st 2024
- **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 Jan Robinson for assisting this evening.
- **Annual Subscriptions:** Fees will be due from July 1st 2024
- **Affiliated Societies competition:** Society's shows are beginning now SO, please remember to get those winning orchid photos into the Affiliated Societies competition. Details are on our website
- **RAS Easter Show** (11th April to 22nd April 2025) In recess
- **Orchids Out West** (17th to 19th May 2024): Preparations complete, vendors ready, society displays in final preparation. Ready to go.
- **Orchids Central** (4th to 6th October 2024): Early discussions are taking place, dates confirmed, vendors selected and first flyer produced for release at the Easter show.
- **Ira Butler Competition:** Competition judged last Thursday....results coming soon. Society shows also reveal wonderful native orchids..... don't forget the Ira Butler competition! Visit our website for information about how to enter. This competition can now be entered by sending pics to secretary. New entry form (instructions for entry) now on our website
- **'Orchids from the Mountains to the Sea' (1st to 5th October 2025):** To be hosted by Woolgoolga Orchid Society – news. I believe that the list of prizes has been released, seeking sponsorship from societies and individuals. Perhaps look to their website for more information. (aoc2025.org.au) Woolgoolga also will be hosting a weekend workshop on October 5th and 6th 2024. This weekend was a very popular 'weekend away' in 2023.

Treasurer's Report

Cheque account balances at 9th April 2024 total \$18,380.51 This figure includes money for insurance from affiliates (\$8790.51)
Term deposits total \$150.000

Public Liability Insurance: Current 2023/24 Certificate of Currency on OSNSW website – **valid until May 1st 2024.**

2024/5 Certificate of Currency is now available on our website for those affiliates who take their Public Liability/ Volunteer personal accident policies through us.

Registrar's Report

Awards

Recent award of *Paph. gratixianum* cancelled on advice of international experts who believe the plant is in fact *Paph. villosum*. Judging course continues. Ian spoke about nomenclature changes 'in the works', to be discussed in December

Supper break

Guest speaker: Ian presented pics from the recent WOC in Taiwan and his and Irene's trip through Europe and Asia.

Tonight's Benching Results

Best species: *Phal. celebensis* owned by Bailey Wong.

Best Hybrid: *Rgy.* Mary Eliza owned by Garrie and Lesley Bromley.

Lucky exhibitor: Peter and Jane D'Olier

Raffle prizes tonight were won by Kelly ?, Steve Levi, James Chen, Bailey Wong, Cary Polis and Bernadette Williams.

Plants for display at Orchids Out West

Irene asked members to bring plants for the 'Friends of OSNSW' display at Orchids Out West, Philip Charley Building, Hawkesbury Showground. Ken Siew will be staging the display, so bring your plants to him on Thursday 17th May from 10 am, or make arrangements for someone else to bring them, then return on Sunday at 2pm to collect them. Veronica suggested that labelling your plants under the pot could help if they are left at pull down of the show.

The meeting closed with Irene asking members to assist with the packing up of the hall and wishing everyone a safe trip home.

**Vale – Alan Stephenson OAM AOH-AOF
1944 - 2024**

Alan Stephenson was born in Wonthaggi on 21st October 1944 and passed away on 10th May 2024.



From an early age Alan developed a great interest in Australian Native Orchids. Alan had a large collection, he won many prizes and championships for his growing of orchids. Alan was a great supporter of the Shoalhaven Orchid Society and Illawarra ANOS leading many orchid walks in the Shoalhaven for these societies, showing members many orchids in situ , which members would otherwise not have seen.

Alan was best known for his work in conservation, being responsible for some development and road project being redesigned to protect the orchids. Alan was a tenacious fighter for orchid conservation particularly in the Shoalhaven. He authored many guides and articles on the orchids of the Shoalhaven. Alan had many articles on conservation published in *Orchids Australia*, *The Orchadian* and the *Australian Orchid Review*. He also published a book 'Orchid Species of the Shoalhaven'

Alan was the ANOS and AOC National Conservation Officer for a period of about 20 years.

Alan will be missed for his friendship, mentoring of the new members, his knowledge of native orchids and his irreplaceable tenacious conservation work.

Funeral arrangements: Date: 18-June-2024, 11.00am at Worragee Crematorium Shoalhaven Memorial Gardens

Ian Chalmers

SOCIETY SHOWS MAY-JULY 2024

May	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
June	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
	Sutherland Shire Orchid Society	14-15	Woolooware Shore Retirement Village Reef Centre, -2-28 Alexander Ave Taren Point
	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
July	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 RSL, 455-459 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
	Campbelltown Orchid Society	11-14	Macarthur Square Shopping Centre
	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

VALE David Butler 1938 – 2024

It is with a particularly heavy heart that we must say farewell to an icon, a truly honourable gentleman, a dedicated family man, and a wonderfully caring friend.

David was a long-term member of both ANOS Central Coast Group, joining 2006, becoming a Patron in 2013 and a Life member in 2016, and ANOS Sydney, joining in the 1980s, and later bestowed a Life membership. He was a highly valued Club person to both Groups.

David was one of the true pioneers in the orchid world and, in particular, of Australian native orchids. He was a prodigious author of articles for various Australian and international publications, and for his local Societies' monthly newsletters. All were meticulously written and researched. He greatly appreciated, and liked to credit his wife, Elizabeth, for all her assistance in "tweaking and editing". He had a talent for producing well balanced articles that were a joy to read and view, always leaving the reader richer for the experience. In addition to his written articles, there were the many talks, complete with Power Point presentations, that always drew in the members and inspired us all to try to emulate him, to some small degree at least. A man more generous with his time and his knowledge would be hard to find. He gave of his knowledge willingly and unconditionally.

David was a highly regarded orchid hybridist with many registrations to his name. In particular, his use of *Sarcochilus hirticalcar* hybrids providing a good range of well-shaped, colourful orchids with an extended flowering season. *Den. Midas Touch* and *Den. Cosmic Gold* are just two of the more notable *Dendrobium* registrations of Davids. His legacy lives on.

Growing and showing orchids was also a passion for David. He was a perfectionist in his techniques and was a stickler for "presenting" his orchids at their best. He believed that as we would shower and dress appropriately for the outing so too should the orchids be clean and tidy for presentation at shows. This led to many Champions for him. Along with taking out shows, including as late as last year's shows, David's plants received 17 ANOS awards, 16 AOC awards, plus a couple of AOC Orchids of the Year, and numerous Ira Butler awards.

Farewell David, a man who lived a life well lived and who left this world a better place. We will miss you immensely. Our thoughts go to the Butler family.

Carole Barnett



Dendrobium Avril's Gold 'Pure Gold' (HCC)



Sarcochilus Duno Nicky's Twin 'Eloise' (AM)



Masdevallia Tarnie 'Elizabeth' (AM)

Maxillaria schunkeana (Courtesy <https://www.orchidweb.com>)

An incredible species that blooms with deep, black/red flowers that arise from the base of the growths and last about 4 weeks! Native to the rainforests of Brazil in the state of Espirito Santo, where it grows in dappled sunlight enjoying a wide range of temperatures. This orchid typically flowers in the fall, but can bloom in the spring or other times. They grow best in New Zealand sphagnum moss, watering when the medium is lightly damp to the touch. These have long lasting flowers and these plants can flower several times a year.



Angraecum sesquipedale (Courtesy <https://www.orchidweb.com>)



The famous Darwin orchid, with large white flowers accented by 12-inch long nectary spurs! Darwin predicted the pollinator to be a moth with a 12-inch long proboscis. Years later, it was discovered to be true. The moth, *Xanthopan morgani praedicta*, named for Darwin's prediction of such a moth, was found to be the official pollinator. It is nocturnally fragrant as the moths come out in the evening. This species, native to Madagascar, typically flowers around the end of December to early January. For best results, grow warm and in low to medium light, keeping the potting medium evenly moist all year.

Bulbophyllum odoratissimum (Courtesy <https://www.orchidweb.com>)

This species is widespread across southeast Asia from India to Vietnam to China, Thailand and Burma. In the wild, this orchid exhibits a lithophytic habit, growing on rock outcrops. This species has evolved to be resilient to a wide temperature range, as well as to drying out between watering. When in bloom, the beautiful white and orange tipped flowers emit a nice sweet fragrance - a relatively rare trait in this genus!

They grow best on mounts with some sphagnum moss or sheet moss underneath them. These have also grown well on circular logs or spheres, and they will cover whatever they grow on like a topiary.

When purchased as bare rooted, good humidity or frequent water/misting is necessary until roots establish. Within 2 to 3 months, they should root into the moss .



BENCHING RESULTS APRIL 2024

Best Hybrid: L&G Bromley
Best Species: B Wong

Rgy. Mary Eliza
Phal. celebensis

Open Classes - Hybrids

Class 1 - Cymbidium

1. D Law *Cym. erythraeum x pumilum*

Class 3 - Laeliinae 120mm and over

1. L&G Bromley *Rlc. Burdiken Heights 'Rosella'*
 2. A Mobbs *Blc. Glenn Lee 'Delight' x Pink Empress*
 3. L&G Bromley *Rlc. Redland Flirt 'No. 1'*

Class 4 - Laeliinae Cluster (min 5 Flowers)

1. J Gafa *C. Hasegawa Stella 'Hildos'*
 2. C Polis *Sgr. Yokosuka Story 'Little Oriole'*
 3. L&G Bromley *Lctna. Dal's Chick*

Class 5 - Laeliinae (71mm - 119mm)

1. L&G Bromley *Lc. Angel Heart 'Sumi'*
 2. S Levi *Pot. Lisa Taylor 'Gallis'*
 3. J Gafa *C. Royal Doll*

Class 6 - Laeliinae Miniature (up to 70mm)

1. S Levi *Slc. Dal's Buddy 'Cynthia'*
 2. L&G Bromley *C. Petite Baby 'Lea'*
 3. S Levi *Slc. Red Elf 'Dendi'*

Class 8 - Cyripedioideae Maudae Shape

1. B Wong *Paph. Hung Sheng 'Magic' x Hung Sheng 'Super'*
 2. L&P Au *Paph. Black Spider x (Hsinying WebxBlack Jazz)*

Class 8a - Cyripedioideae Other

1. S Tay *Paph. Carolyn Butcher*
 2. B Wong *Phrag. Persus 'Highclare'*
 3. S Tay *Paph. Hsinying Antrix (S. Gratrix x anitum)*

Class 9 - Specimen Orchid

1. L&P Au *Bllra. Sandie Loo x Milt. Christmas Eve*
 2. C Polis *Coel. fimbriata var. alba*

Class 10 - Terrestrial Species/Hybrid any genera

1. D Law *Sngl. longifolium*
 2. P&J D'Olier *Ptst. sp*
 3. RG Blaxland *Ptst. longipetalum*

Class 11 - Seedling any hybrid genera

1. B Wong *Phal. KS Super Zebra x Eddy Redwine*

Class 13 - Phalaenopsis (51mm-75mm)

1. L&G Bromley *Phal. Chingruey's Fancy 'Fong Ping'*
 2. L&P Au *Phal. Kenneth Schubert 'Pink Picotee'*

Class 14 - Phalaenopsis (up to 50mm)

1. B Wong *Phal. Summer Rose 'Blue Star'*
 2. B Wong *Phal. Venus*
 3. B Wong *Phal. Liu's Berry 'Trinity'*

Class 15 - Vandaceous (up to 50mm)

1. L&G Bromley *V. Is x Sagarik Gold*
 2. RG Blaxland *Srts. Blue Knob*
 3. C Polis *Neost. Lou Sneary*

Class 16 - Vandaceous (50mm and over)

1. J Gafa *V. Robert's Delight 'Midnight Special'*
 2. L&G Bromley *V. Pakchong Smile*
 3. S Levi *V. Robert's Delight 'Raspberry Spots'*

Class 17 - Dendrobium

1. S Levi *Den. Bubble Pink 'Bozo'*
 2. S Levi *Den. Hidden Money*
 3. L&G Bromley *Den. Hot Lips 'Lesley'*

Class 18 - Oncidiinae (> 61mm)

1. B Wong *Pyp. Mendenhall 'Hildos' # 2*
 2. B Wong *Pyp. Mendenhall 'Hildos' # 1*
 3. D Law *Mtssa. Charles M. Fitch*

Class 19 - Oncidiinae (36-60 mm)

1. J Gafa *Onc. Jihbao Gold 'K.B.R.'*
 2. J Gafa *Onc. Mayfair 'Trinity'*
 3. J Robinson *Onc. Sweet Sugar*

Class 19A - Oncidiinae (up to 35mm)

1. L&G Bromley *Rgy. Mary Eliza*
 2. D Law *Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'*
 3. L&P Au *Onc. Twinkle*

Class 20A - Australian Native Hybrids Other

1. L&G Bromley *Den. Topaz Dream 'Weva'*
 2. L&G Bromley *Den. Warringah 'Soft Pink'*
 3. S Levi *Den. Jonathon's Glory 'Dark Joy'*

Class 22 - Hybrid Not Elsewhere Specified

1. J Robinson *Lyc. Muromachi*
 2. RG Blaxland *Z. Adelaide Jester x Artur Elle Essondon*

Open Classes - Species

Class 23 - Laeliinae

1. L&P Au *L. anceps*
 2. L&G Bromley *C. walkeriana*
 3. A Mobbs *L. anceps 'Red'*

Class 24 - Cyripedioideae

1. S Tay *Paph. villosum*
 2. B Wong *Phrag. pearcei*
 3. D Law *Paph. insigne*

Class 25 - Vandaceous

1. B Wong *Phal. celebensis*
 2. B Wong *Phal. violacea var. indigo 'HP Norton Strain'*
 3. B Wong *Phal. speciosa*

Class 26 - Oncidiinae

1. J Robinson *Gom. praetexta 'Mathew'*
 2. J Gafa *Gom. praetexta 'Mathew'*
 3. D Law *Gom. praetexta*

Class 27 - Dendrobium

1. P&J D'Olier *Den. cerinum*
 2. B Wong *Den. victoria-reginae*
 3. RG Blaxland *Den. glomeratum*

Class 27A - Bulbophyllum

1. P&J D'Olier *Bulb. grandiflorum*
 2. P&J D'Olier *Bulb. grandiflorum var. marmoratum*

Class 28 - Australian Native Dendrobium

1. S Levi *Den. bigibbum superbum 'Ron's Splash' x 'Norma Sutton'*
 2. J Gafa *Den. bigibbum var. superbum*
 3. P&J D'Olier *Den. bowmanii*

Class 29 - Australian Native Other

1. P&J D'Olier *Bulb. schillerianum*

Class 30 - Miniature flowers

1. C Polis *Den. rigidum*
 2. RG Blaxland *Epi. elongatum*
 3. RG Blaxland *Orpha. radicans*

Class 31 - American Species Other

1. C Rethers *Max. variabilis*
 2. C Polis *Bif. aureofulva*
 3. C Plis *Max. variabilis 'Black'*

Class 32A - Coelogyninae

1. D Law *Ddc. wenzelii*
 2. RG Blaxland *Coel. speciosa*
 3. P&J D'Olier *Coel. longirachis*

Class 32 - Pleurothallidinae

1. P&J D'Olier *Pleuro. schweinfurthii*
 2. D Law *Rest. brachypus*
 3. C Rethers *Pleuro. semiscabra*

Class 33 - Species not elsewhere specified

1. P&J D'Olier *Cym. ensifolium*
 2. RG Blaxland *Lip. viridiflora*



Rlc. Monthatip Gold '#1' (L&P Au)



Den. Warringah 'Soft Pink' (L&G Bromley)



Paph. Hsinying Antrix (S Tay)



Rlc. Burdiken Heights 'Rosella' (L&G Bromley)



Lyc. Muromachi (J Robinson)