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Next meeting: 28 October 2024

Speaker: Thomas Miranda - Zoom meeting on Andean Orchids (see below)

THOMAS MIRENDA



Having nurtured and curated orchid collections at some of the world's most beloved botanical gardens, Tom has experienced growing a great diversity of species and hybrids. In recent years he has turned his attentions towards conservation and is spearheading a movement

to utilize the Circa Situm Strategy (conserving orchids within their natural ranges) more effectively and internationally in orchid hotspots around the globe.

As leader of the OGCN (Orchid Garden Conservation network) Tom has spoken at 4 World Orchid Conferences, delivered keynote addresses at international orchid events, travels frequently and is enlisting stakeholders for this initiative on five continents. Living currently on Hawaii Island, Tom maintains a diverse collection, is the current President of the Hilo Orchid Society and an accredited AOS Judge in one of the most prolific judging centers in the US. In addition, Tom has supported the American Orchid Society with two monthly columns in Orchids magazine for almost 2 decades.

(Courtesy: <https://www.aos.org/about-us/officers-trustees/thomas-miranda>)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello everyone

And so our show season draws to a close for another year. It has been a bit unusual this year, plants flowering out of season, on shorter stems and with less flowers. I think the extra rain and cloudy days we had for an extended period in the Sydney area, the reduced daylight and sunshine hours, all contributed to smaller society display season.

Of course those Champions were at their magnificent 'best'. The large shows, Orchids Out West, Mingara, St Ives Fair and Orchids Central attracted large crowds and produced more excellent plants receiving NSW and AOC awards. Society shows were still booming with quality plants and swelling sales tables. This year, our friends at Woolgoolga hosted a weekend workshop and show over this last weekend (Oct 5th and 6th) trialing various aspects of staging and procedure in preparation for their hosting of the Australian Orchid Council show in October 2025. (October 1st to 5th) I believe it went very well and I look forward to attending Woolgoolga with all of you next year.

Many of your societies are now looking forward to your end of year celebrations. We at OSNSW will hold our Christmas celebration at our November meeting night on Monday 25th November 2024. We will again indulge in our famous tiger prawns, BBQ chicken and leg ham accompanied by a selection of salads, followed by a wonderful fresh fruit salad and ice cream. Still hungry? How about cake and coffee? Or a nice 'cuppa' to finish the evening.

I would love for you to join me at our celebration. I extend an invitation to Presidents and partners of our Affiliated Societies both Regional and Metropolitan, our State Judges and of course to all of our members (check that you're financial) and don't forget your cutlery, crockery and drinking vessels, we're trying to be green. Oh! and a gift for our super raffle too please.

So that we have enough prawns!! Please RSVP Toni by 10th November (info@orchidsocietynsw.com.au)

Should you be unable to come along to our party, please accept my wish for health and happiness, for love and family at Christmas time (and Champion orchids in '25).

Take care everybody....Merry Christmas!

Until next month, Veronica



**Presentation of
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Scores will be held
on 28th October**

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Meeting Venue: Ermington Community Hall, River Rd, Ermington NSW 2115, last Monday of the month, 8.00 pm start

Hybrid of the Night: *Lyc. Abou Sunrise* (J Robinson)



Species of the Night: *Max. cogniauxiana* (C Polis)



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Panel 1 Class 1-11	G Hart C Rethers T Yee
Panel 2 Class 12-22 Nov. 40-42	M Aldridge K Siew P Serb
Panel 3 Class 23-33 Nov. 43-44	J D'Olier N Gill J Gouvoussis
<i>N.B. Reserves and Ass. judges for panels will be chosen on the night</i>	

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- Joint Metropolitan Members \$32.00 (i.e. \$27 membership and \$5 for insurance)
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- Associate Member \$20.00
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- Affiliated Society \$62.00
- 11 Posted issues of Orchid News \$15.00 (Orchid News is normally emailed)
- If you require a receipt mailed to you please include \$1.50 in your payment.

RENEWAL METHODS

- **Direct Deposit:**
 Account Name: The Orchid Society of New South Wales Inc.
 BSB: 032-080
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 Reference*: Your name and year, i.e. 2024/2025
 (*It is important that this information be included or your membership payment won't be recognised.)
- **Pay by cash or Credit Card** at the next OSNSW meeting at Ermington.
- **Post** a cheque to PO Box 5396, CHULLORA NSW 2190.

MEMBERSHIP JOINING FEES

- Metro Member & 1st Yr (Incl. Name badge) \$43.00
- Joint Metro & 1st Yr (Incl. Name badges) \$68.00
- Single Country or Interstate & 1st Yr \$22.00
- Joint Country or Interstate & 1st Yr \$29.00

Minutes of the Orchid Society of NSW General Meeting held on 30 September 2024 at the Ermington Community Centre, River Rd Ermington NSW

Opening: Tonight's meeting was declared open at 8pm by President Veronica Clowes who welcomed those present to the September 2024 meeting. Veronica noted that the Committee had decided to revert to the 8pm start to the meeting.

Veronica asked members to make sure they have signed the attendance book at Toni's table, and to enjoy the plants on display this evening. Notice-tonight is the final day of point score for 2024. Prizes will be purchased at OC and presentations will be at the Christmas celebration on 25/11.

Visitors: Nil

New Members: Daniel Coulton

Apologies: Garrie and Lesley Bromley, Kathy Koutsoukis, Peter Miszalski, Steve Levi, Bailey Wong, Frank de Zotti

Confirmation of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 28th August 2024 were confirmed as a true account of that meeting. Proposed by Christine Rethers and seconded by Richard Blaxland, approved.

Matters Arising - Nil

General Business

- **Hall pack up:** Tonight we will be trialing a new routine for the pack up of our hall. We will be doing so before the raffle draw, and soon, perhaps from next meeting, we will have **one** deluxe raffle plant in addition to 5 of our regular plants. So, I guess that means 'first in' gets the deluxe plant.
- **Supper assistance for today and future meetings:** Linda Chang volunteered to assist with the supper this evening. Veronica thanked Linda for assisting tonight.
- **Annual subscriptions:** Fees are now overdue. – if you have not received our newsletter, it may be because you have been deleted from our list of members.....please see Toni
- **Affiliated Societies competition:** Veronica told members that the competition is now open for the 2024/25. Get those entries to Ian Chalmers (not the Secretary as in previously years) 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:** 23rd to 25th May 2025: In recess
- **Orchids Central :** 4th to 6th Oct 2024 (set up on Thurs 3rd October) Club Condell Park, 178 Eldridge Rd Bankstown. It is now only 3 days until opening day of this show. Veronica asked for some volunteers from OSNSW for Thursday 3rd October from 10am (to assist the setting up of vendors and display areas). Veronica also noted that we need volunteers on Sunday 6th October as this is the OSNSW working day at the show. (There are 5 societies sharing in the surplus of this show...so each gets 20% for doing their share of work involved). Show schedule is available on our website, and on the Orchids Central FB page. We are grateful for our sponsors contribution. Thank you to the judges who have nominated for show judges on 3rd October, see you there.
- **Ira Butler competition:** Open for the 2024/2025 competition, entries to the secretary (Irene Chalmers). Last meeting Irene spoke about the competition and how to enter. She told members to look at the website for the entry form. Irene previously explained that the competition is judged in the first half of each year to enable native orchids which bloom late in the year to be included in that year's judging. So, we are now lining up native orchid winners for 2024 which will be judged in 2025.
- **Woolgoolga has been chosen as the site for the AOC Conference and Show in 2025:** The AOC Conference and Show will be hosted by Woolgoolga Orchid Society 1st to 5th October 2025. OSNSW will offer our full support to the hosting society and encourage support and attendance. All societies have recently received information from the organising committee about sponsoring opportunities and general information about the venue and local area. The Woolgoolga annual orchid show is on this coming weekend – 4/5 October – and will be a trial run for the AOC Conference and Show this time next year.

Treasurer's Report

Cheque account balances as at 15 September 2025: \$13,133.15, Term Deposit investment: \$140,000

Registrar's Report

Judging Class. The Zoom Course has about 35 trainees. The trainees come from all over the state with a fairly even spread.

Ian spoke about recent movements in the judging area

Awards

There are 5 awards for the month:

Paph moquetianum 'Zoi' AM Johnathon Clarke & Joy Gouvoussis

Coelogyne warrenii 'Keith' D. Johnston

Paph micranthum 'TOM 12' Seong Tay

Den. speciosum var curvicaule 'Mandy Lee' ACC W Malcome Ide

Den. Coelogyne wenzellii 'Kathryne' AM and ACE Kenvin and Kathryne Rose

Ian noted that we also need to ratify the awards announced at the AGM

Supper was served.

Guest Speaker – Ian Chalmers spoke about 'What is meant by 'Species' for cultivated orchids. He illustrated his talk with a PowerPoint presentation.

Best species of the night – *Max. cogniauxiana* owned by Cary Polis

Best Hybrid of the night – *Lyc.* Abou Sunrise owned by Jan Robinson

Lucky exhibitor – Richard Blaxland

Congratulations to our winners this evening.

Raffle prizes this month were won by R Blaxland, J Robinson, F Cristov, Jean Fulcher, Dora Law and Chin Wong

Our guest speaker next month is Tom Mirenda. Tom Mirenda is a Trustee of the American Orchid Society. He was the Smithsonian garden's orchid collection specialist for more than 15 years. Now living in Hawaii, Tom is frequently in Australia giving practical orchid culture talks to orchid societies in other states as well as here in Sydney.

The meeting was then declared closed by at 9.35pm. Veronica thanked members for their attendance and wished everybody a safe trip home.



Pln. Tongariro 'Trudy' (J Robinson)

Pleione is a small genus of predominantly terrestrial but sometimes epiphytic or lithophytic, miniature orchids.^[2] This genus is named after Pleione, mother of the Pleiades (in Greek mythology), and comprises about 20 species. Common names of this genus include **peacock orchid**, **glory of the east**, **Himalayan crocus**, **Indian crocus** and **window sill orchid**.

Pleione is distributed in the mountains and foothills of the Himalayas, India, Tibet, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Taiwan, and China.^{[1][4]} The species are well adapted to cold temperatures and even frost. A few, however, prefer warmer temperatures. They grow in well-drained habitats and on rocks covered with moss at altitudes of 600–4,200 m (1,969–13,780 ft).

[Ref. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pleione_\(plant\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pleione_(plant))]



Lpt. bicolor (J Gafa)

Leptotes is a genus of orchids formed by nine small species that grow in the dry jungles of south and southeast Brazil, and also in Paraguay or Argentina. They are small epiphytic plants of caespitose growth that sometimes resemble little *Brassavola*, as they share the same type of thin terete leaves, though they are more closely related to *Loefgrenianthus*.

The species of *Leptotes* were originally discovered in the Atlantic Forest of Brazil and are always seen living epiphytically. Two species have since been found in other countries, *L. unicolor* in Argentina, and *L. bicolor* in Paraguay. Three species show a high degree of endemism in the south of Bahia State. The states of southeastern Brazil can be considered the center of its distribution since they host the highest number of species and the *Leptotes* are most abundant there, however, the range is from the Serra da Jibóia chain of mountains, in Bahia, to the North of Rio Grande do Sul state.

The species in the group that are characterized by wide open flowers, such as *Leptotes tenuis* and *L. pauloensis*, are more frequently found in montane cloud forests. *L. bicolor* has the broadest range and can survive in both the cloud forests and the drier woods on the plateaus of the Serra do Mar chain of mountains. *Leptotes unicolor* grows optimally in cooler areas, above 700 meters of altitude, and is frequently found growing on *Araucaria* and *Podocarpus* trees in the southern areas of Brazil.

In April 1833, an unknown species from the Serra dos Órgãos mountains of Brazil blossomed in the greenhouse of Mrs. Arnold Harrison, an English collector of orchids homaged in diverse descriptions of noted species such as *Bifrenaria harrisoniae* and *Cattleya harrisoniana*. A short time later, Mrs. Harrison sent a drawing and cutting of this plant to the botanist John Lindley, who verified it to be not only a new species but a new genus. In its description, dated the same year, Lindley suggests the name of *Leptotes*, from the Greek λεπτότητα for *mild, delicate*, in reference to the appearance of the plant's flowers. He affirmed that *Leptotes* was similar to *Tetramicra*, from which it is distinguished by the structures of the pollinarium and by the smaller lateral lobes of the lip petal; and because they have no calcar attached to the ovarium. He also differentiated it from *Brassavola* by the pollinia and trilobed lip. Lindley then described its type-species, *Leptotes bicolor*.

Leptotes bicolor is the species with more flowers per inflorescence and with a wider distribution. It is a variable species, even though it is easily identified because of its bicolored flowers, white sepals and petals and purple lip; occasionally it will bear two leaves per pseudobulb. There are some records of this species living as a lithophyte.

[Ref. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leptotes_\(plant\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leptotes_(plant))]

SHOWS SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2024

Oct	Shoalhaven Orchid Society	19	Bomaderry Community Centre, 19 Birriley St, Bomaderry
	Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society	19-20	Batemans Bay Soldiers Club, Beach Rd, Batemans Bay
	Central Coast-Hunter Region Cymbidium Society	19-20	Home Co., Cnr Bryant Drive & Wyong Rd Tuggerah
	Western Suburbs Orchid Society	24-27	Ashfield Mall, 260A Liverpool Rd Ashfield
Nov	Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts Orchid Society	2-3	Melrose Hall, Cnr Great Western Hwy & Park St Emu Plains



OSNSW Christmas Party
25 Nov 2024
7.00 for 7.30

Members, please be aware that no cutlery, plates, glasses or cups will be provided at the party. Please bring your own.

Don't forget your gifts for the Christmas Raffle.

Please note: There will be NO plant benching on that night... but we would welcome specimen size plants for a display on the stage.

 **For catering purposes - PLEASE RSVP by 10th November to info@orchidsocietynsw.com.au**

Have a happy and enjoyable Christmas



Z. Debbie De Mellow 'Honolulu Bay' (RG Blaxland)



Den. nobile var. cooksonii (T Agrela)

BENCHING RESULTS SEPTEMBER 2024

Best Hybrid: J Robinson *Lyc. Abou Sunrise*
Best Species: C Polis *Max. cogniauxiana*

Open Classes - Hybrids

Class 1 - Cymbidium

1. L&P Au *Cym. Barrita* Unsung 'Golden Fire'
2. I&I Chalmers *Cym. unknown*
3. D Law *Cym. Cricket*

Class 3 - Laeliinae 120mm and over

1. FMusial&LChang *Rlc. Hsinying Aloha* 'C.H. Super'
2. FMusial&LChang *Rlc. Haw Yuan Gold*
3. D Law *C. Lyn Spencer* 'Pearl'

Class 4 - Laeliinae Cluster (min 5 Flowers)

1. FMusial&LChang *Ctt. Trick or Treat*
2. FMusial&LChang *Epi. Topaz Special* 'Elegante'
3. FMusial&LChang *Rth. Roy's Magic* 'Janet' x *C. luteola*

Class 5 - Laeliinae (71mm - 119mm)

1. L&P Au *C. Intermedia* var. *orlata* 'Crown Fox' (hyb.)
2. L&P Au *L. Lindleyana*
3. FMusial&LChang *C. Aloha Case* 'Ching Hua'

Class 6 - Laeliinae Miniature (up to 70mm)

1. J Robinson *Rth. Warren's Jewel*
2. FMusial&LChang *Ctt. Chief Berry*
3. L&P Au *Rth. Shinfong Little Sun*

Class 8 - Cyripedioideae Maudae shape

1. L&P Au *Paph. Hung Shen Master* x *Grand Mayne*
2. L&P Au *Paph. Hung Shen Red Apple* x (*Hung Shen Red Apple* x *Hung Sheng Bay*)

Class 8a - Cyripedioideae Other

1. S Tay *Paph. Franz Glanz*
2. S Tay *Paph. Liberty Taiwan*
3. S Tay *Paph. Fanaticum*

Class 9 - Specimen Orchid

1. C Polis *Max. cogniauxiana*

Class 10 - Terrestrial Species/Hybrid any genera

1. RG Blaxland *Ptst. baptistii*
2. J Gafa *Lpt. bicolor*

Class 11 - Seedling any hybrid genera

1. S Tay *Paph. micranthum* x *Liberty Taiwan*
2. FMusial&LChang *Rlc. Love Sound* x *C. Cosmic Delight*
3. J Allen *E. cordigera* x *Epi. robustum*

Class 13 - Phalaenopsis (51-75mm)

1. C Polis *Phal. King Car Lollipop*
2. A Mobbs *Phal. unknown*

Class 14 - Phalaenopsis (up to 50mm)

1. J Fulcher *Phal. Liv's Triprince* 'Gigi'
2. A Mobbs *Phal. Chia E Yenlin*
3. C Polis *Phal. Liv's Berry* 'Trinity'

Class 16 - Vandaceous (>50mm)

1. I&I Chalmers *V. unknown*

Class 17 - Dendrobium

1. FMusial&LChang *Den. Yukidaruma*
2. P&L Au *Den. unknown*
3. I&I Chalmers *Den. Fancy Angel* 'Lycee'

Class 18 - Oncidiinae (> 61mm)

1. L&P Au *Onc. Golden Gamble*
2. FMusial&LChang *Mtdm. Cindy* 'Pinky Lee'
3. FMusial&LChang *Odcdm. Yellow Dream*

Class 19 - Oncidiinae (36mm to 60mm)

1. D Law *Colm. Wildcat* 'Blood Shot'
2. J Gafa *Colm. Wildcat* 'Yellow Lip'
3. L&P Au *Wils. Eye Candy*

Class 20 - Sarcanthinae Hybrids

1. J Robinson *Sarco. Erin*
2. FMusial&LChang *Sarco. Kulnura Firebird* x *Kulnura Sprint*
3. L&P Au *Sarco. Kulnura Mission* 'Crazy' x *Roberta* 'Di Elliot'

Class 20A - Australian native Hybrids Other

1. L&P Au *Den. kingianum* 'Red Ink' x *White Giant* x *King Snow* 'Pink'

Class 21 - Pleurothallidinae

1. L&P Au *Masd. Marguerite* 'Fire Walker'
2. L&P Au *Masd. Rein Steel* x *Flight of Fancy*
3. J Allen *Masd. Copper Angel* 'Highland'

Class 22 - Hybrid Not Elsewhere Specified

1. J Robinson *Lyc. Abou Sunrise*
2. J Robinson *Pln. Tongariro* 'Trudy'
3. I&I Chalmers *Lyc. Chita Melody* 'Green Star'

Open Classes - Species

Class 23 - Laeliinae

1. C Polis *C. aurantiaca* 'yellow'
2. J Robinson *C. intermedia* var. *coerulea*
3. J Gafa *C. intermedia* *vinicolor*

Class 24 - Cyripedioideae

1. C Scott-Harden *Paph. urbanianum*

Class 25 - Vandaceous

1. C Polis *V. denisoniana*
2. J Fulcher *Phal. schilleriana*
3. J Gafa *Phal. stuartiana* var. *nobilis*

Class 26 - Oncidiinae

1. C Polis *Onc. hintonii*
2. J Allen *Cu. pulchella* 'Royale'
3. J Allen *Cu. egertonii*

Class 27 - Dendrobium

1. J Gafa *Den. spectabile*
2. T Agrela *Den. nobile* var. *cooksonii*
3. D Law *Den. nobile* var. *virginalis*

Class 27A - Bulbophyllum

1. C Scott-Harden *Bulb. taiwanense*

Class 30 - Miniature flowers

1. C Polis *Den. lichenastrum*
2. J Fulcher *Max. seidelii*
3. J Robinson *Max. variabilis* var. *chocolate*

Class 31 - American Species Other

1. RG Blaxland *Max. variabilis*
2. J Fulcher *Bif. harrissoniae* var. *pubigera*

Class 32A - Coelogyninae

1. FMusial&LChang *Ddc. cobbianum*
2. J Robinson *Ddc. glumaceum*
3. D Law *Ddc. yuccifolium*

Class 32 - Pleurothallidinae

1. J Fulcher *Max. princeps*
2. J Allen *Chy. bractescens*