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Next meeting: 27th January

RECENTLY AWARDED ORCHIDS



Paph. Vanguard's Lebeau 'Nicola'
C&A Hogan AM



Coel. wenzelli 'Kathryn'
K&K Rose AM/ACE

***** ATTENTION SECRETARIES & TREASURERS - INSURANCE RENEWALS 2025 *****

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/2025/01/ApplAffSocPublicLiabilityInsurance25_26.pdf

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

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

MUST be with Christine before 1st March please - no reminder will be sent and no interested parties will be added on the policy after 1st March, 2025

Christine must finalise with the insurers before 15th March.

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

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

For further information contact Christine on: secretary@orchidsocietynsw.com.au.

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

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Email: secretary@orchidsocietynsw.com.au | <https://www.orchidsocietynsw.com.au> | All Correspondence to: Secretary, PO Box 5396, Chullora NSW 2190

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

WHAT'S ON AT FUTURE OSNSW MEETINGS

27 January: Ken Siew as President of AOC
24 February: TBA
31 March: TBA

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to 2025

Hello again from the President's desk.

We have a full plate in 2025 beginning with our support (financial and otherwise) of the **Orchid** schedule of the Sydney Royal Easter Show. I believe exhibitor nominations are due in February, please check with the exhibitor portal of the RAS and enter those CHAMPION plants. We also man a promotional 'cart' throughout the Orchid Competition, answering culture questions and giving society info to the many hundreds of visiting public. Want advertising leaflets to go to the show? Get them to me before end of March and I will take and distribute them at the show.

2025 is the year of the Australian Orchid Council 23rd Conference and Show. The hosting society, Woolgoolga, is speeding along with their preparations, and I believe, largely because of the efforts of these wonderful folk in the Woolgoolga area, that this will be a 'show to remember'. Early bird registration is now open...visit the show website AOC2025.org.au for all the info you need prepare for your participation/visit (from October 1-5)

Our show commitments continue in '25 with Orchids Out West from May 23rd to 25th and Orchids Central from October 17th to 19th. (Rescheduled to accommodate the AOC Conference)

The Australian Orchid Council (AOC) has some new faces. At the AGM last October **Ken Siew** was elected as President, and Nette Megetto as Secretary. (I'm sure most of you know Nette? She resides in Victoria but is an active member of the OSNSW Judging panel.)

Watch this space for news on the AOC, I'm hopeful that the NSW representative to the AOC will keep us informed about changes and improvements regularly.

And lastly, a leftover from my secretary days, please prepare for your public liability insurance renewal (if your society takes cover with our policy). You need to clear society approval for payment when requested and be prepared to present member numbers to Christine by the due date. Christine our secretary can be contacted at secretary@osnsw.com.au for all your questions please.

Happy growing everyone...welcome to 2025...see you 'around' somewhere soon

Veronica

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JUDGES ROSTER 2025

	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	J Robinson G Bromley P Serb I Chalmers	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 I Chalmers J Robinson

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

Affiliated Society's opportunity to promote and advertise at the Royal Easter Show 2025



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 2025 Show runs from Friday 11 April to Tuesday 22 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 (15-16 & 21-22 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-12noon, 12noon-4pm and 4pm-8pm) for 15 & 16 April & 21 & 22 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 27 January and 24 February 2025, or call me if you wish.

Please contact Veronica for further info: 0424 070 757 or email: president@orchidsocietynsw.com.au



Orchids Out West



23-25 May 2025

Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon

ORCHIDS CENTRAL

17-19 OCTOBER, 2025

Club Condell Park
178 Eldridge St Condell Park





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**Orchids
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**23rd Australian Orchid Council
International Conference & Show 2025**
Wednesday, October 1 to Sunday, October 5

**Woolgoolga Sports Complex
Solitary Islands Way, Woolgoolga
New South Wales, Australia**

**CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE
REGISTRATION**
For early bird registration price
paid before July 1 - \$220 per person
Full price - \$300 per person
Contact Annie Houston on
0410 628 662
or email Annie
woolgoolga.dist.orch@gmail.com

VENDOR REGISTRATION
Table space for vendors will
be limited.
Early registration recommended.
COST: 4 Tables \$575
Frontage - 7.2 metres wide
Contact Ann Deans on
0466 265 357
woolgoolga.dist.orch@gmail.com

FLOOR OR TABLE DISPLAY
Hundreds of magical orchids and
flasks will be on sale by vendors
from around Australia and the world
to add to your orchid collection
This is a wonderful opportunity for
your Society to stage a magnificent
floor or table top display - contact
woolgoolga.dist.orch@gmail.com

**8 International and
Australia-wide
Guest Speakers**

See our Website for more information - www.aoc2025.org.au