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Orchid News

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SPECIES OF THE NIGHT

Den. lawesii var. *bicolour* 'Georgie' owned by
Jan Robinson



HYBRID OF THE NIGHT

Onc. Twinkle 'Red Fantasy' owned by Joe Gafa



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There's truly a chill in the air here in Sydney. Our weather forecast of "a warmer winter" seems a bit off the mark, our local shows reporting reduced plant/flower numbers and extraordinary flowering times.

Excitement is gathering for the AOC Conference and Show in Woolgoolga (Oct 3-5) We at OSNSW intend to take a van and many other cars full of flowers and associated hardware to create a display befitting of our wonderful growers. So, those growers need to trust us with their best available plants! Our September meeting is on Monday September 29th which will be the last opportunity to collect plants to make the trip north in multiple vehicles (most leaving Sydney the next day) The van may leave Sydney the day before, Sunday 28th September. Details about the pick ups and contact person will be coming shortly, in the meantime please give some thought about what you may have to contribute.

Those of you still looking to purchase next year's Champion may like to visit the National Orchid Extravaganza at Yagoona (8-10 August) or the BIG one, St Ives Fair (15-17 August) (details on our website)

Our AGM will be conducted on August 25th 2025, nominations for positions need to be with our Secretary 7 days prior secretary@orchidsocietynsw.com.au, the nomination form is available on our website or contact Christine for help. Please consider joining our committee, fresh ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

Veronica

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Meeting Venue: Ermington Community Hall, River Rd, Ermington NSW 2115, last Monday of the month starting at 8pm

WHAT'S ON AT FUTURE MEETINGS

- 28 July:** Pepe Portilla on Ecuador Orchids (not in person)
- 25 August:** AGM & Nollie Cilliers on South African Orchids
- 29 September:** Ros Cappell will give a talk about Dendrobiums

This is a tentative list and may change

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR MUG TO THE MEETING**JUDGES ROSTER 2025**

	August	September	October
Panel 1 Class 1-11	J Allen N Gill K Koutsoukis	L Bromley J D'Olier C Polis	G Hart Irene Chalmers T Yee
Panel 2 Class 12-22 Nov. 40-42	C Scott-Harden T Yee P Serb	J Fulcher P Miszalski W Chapman J Gouvoussis	M Aldridge K Siew P SErb
Panel 3 Class 23-33 Nov. 43-44	M Aldridge P 'Olier Irene Chalmers	D Law J Robinson C Scott-Harden	J D'Olier N Gill J Gouvoussis
<i>N.B. Reserves and Ass. judges for panels will be chosen on the night</i>			



Den. glomeratum

OSNSW MANAGEMENT 2025

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Paige Sinclair

SALE TABLE AT OSNSW MEETINGS

There is now a sales table for members. 15% commission will be charged. All plants need to have a spare tag in them either a yellow tie-tag or a white tag with the price (whole \$ only) and the owners name on it, and a list of plants for sale so that the sold ones can be added up and the 15% deducted showing what you should receive. The sales table will open at 7.30 pm.

There is a sheet available on the 'Information' page of the website.

UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS 2025

- [National Orchid Extravaganza](#) 8-10 August
- [St Ives Orchid Fair](#) 15-17 August
- [AOC International Conference & Show](#) 1-5 October
- [Orchids Central](#) 17-19 October
- [Summer Orchid Festival](#) 13-14 December

****** ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE NOW ******

- Single Metropolitan Member \$25.00
- 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 \$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
Acct Number: 558587
Reference*: Your name and year, i.e. 2025/2026
*(*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 Monday, 30 June 2025 at the Ermington Community Centre, River Rd., Ermington

Opening

Tonight's meeting was declared open at 8pm by President Veronica Clowes who welcomed those present to our June 2025 meeting. Veronica asked members to make sure they sign the attendance book at Toni's table, and to enjoy the plants on display this evening. The 2025 Members Point Score Competition is now underway and finishes with the October 2025 meeting.

Visitors: Christopher Czernecici, David Forster

New Member: Antonina Forster

Apologies: Lesley and Garrie Bromley, Bailey Wong, Craig Scott-Harden

Confirmation of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 26 May were confirmed as a true account of that meeting. Proposed by Christine Rethers and seconded by Toni Benton, approved.

Matters Arising: Nil

General Business

- **Hall pack up** – We will continue our new routine for the pack up of our hall before the raffle draw. Along with the five plants in the raffle there is also a 'special' plant so the first person in the draw will have a choice to make. Tonight's special plant is *R/c. Star Platinum No. 2 (Mc)*.
- **Supper assistance for today and future meetings** : Would someone please volunteer to assist with the supper this evening? and also help Toni with the collection of the benching accessories? Thank you, Lisa Harris and Linda Chang, for assisting tonight.
- **Affiliated Societies Photo competition:** Veronica told members that the competition for 2024/25 closes today but Ian Chalmers will accept any photos taken at shows up to today for the next two weeks. The new competition starts from tomorrow and the advice is to get those entries to Ian Chalmers 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 Photo competition which can be found in the Affiliated Societies section of our website. There are valuable cash prizes to be won for the owners of the winning orchids and also the society they belong to. The next cut-off is 30 June 2026.
- **Orchids Out West** in recess. It will be reconvened again closer to the date of the show next year.
- **Orchids Central** – 17th to 19th October 2025 – The organisation is in progress. The second flyer confirming the vendors will be available soon.
- **OSNSW Summer Orchid Festival** – This will be held on 13th and 14th December in this hall at Ermington. The schedule has been written and will be available soon; advertising has begun through a SOF website and a Facebook page. All the prizes have been sponsored.
- **Sales Table:** The Sales table is now in operation with Lesley Bromley looking after it. A 15% commission for OSNSW will be charged. We are providing a form for you to enter the name of the plant you are selling, your name and the price you are selling the plant for. We hope to see some great plants there...join in the fun and bring your money with you!
- **Ira Butler Competition:** Open for the 2024/2025 competition, entries to the secretary of the Competition (Irene Chalmers). Details may be found on the following website: <https://irabutlertrophy.org.au/>. Ian Chalmers informed the meeting that because of the sudden passing of the administrator, it may be a while before new entries can be processed. Hopefully this competition will be judged in July 2025.
- **AOC Conference and Show in 2025 – Early Bird registration now closed.:** The AOC Conference and Show will be hosted by Woolgoolga Orchid Society 1st to 5th October 2025. OSNSW is giving full support and sponsorship to the hosting society and encouraging 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. Accommodation in the area is just about exhausted and the organisers are seeking billets from their local members. So far there are over 280 registrants.
- **AOC News:** No report available to date.

Treasurer's Report as at 15 June 2025

OSNSW is financially viable as follows:

- 1 Cheque account balances as at 15 June 2025: total \$10,538.27
- 2 Term deposit balances at Westpac: \$140,000

Registrar's Report

Judging class: The training program is continuing and going well. Ian has decided to include additional sessions to cover the topics. There are more potential starters. Ian said that he is in the process of updating the Training Guide and would appreciate some help.

Awards for June:

- *Paph. gratrixianum* 'JAM' ACE Seong Tay
- *Paph. barbigerrum* 'TOM' AM Seong Tay
- *Paph.* Lime Fresh Lockerbie Fields' AM Rod Nurthen
- *Bulb.* Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry' ACM Joe Gafa
- *Gomesa praetexta* 'Brumby' HCC Down Under Orchids
- *Paph.* Jade Dragon 'Bart' AM Marie and John Bartlett
- *Phal.* Summer Rose 'Bart' HCC Marie and John Bartlett
- *Rhy.* Qing Ming Beauty AD Down Under Orchids
- *Paph.* Bombora 'Lockerbie' AM Rod Nurthen.
- *Paph. insigne* 'Margaret' ACM Gavin Curtis
- *Paph. spicerianum* 'TOM' AM-ACE Seong Tay

There are still no volunteers for secretary. Lesley Bromley is helping out with show allocations at the moment. The judging allocations for this year's shows is virtually complete.

Future Meeting Speakers

July: Ecuador Orchids - Pepe Portilla (not in Person)

August: AGM and possible plant descriptions

September: Ros Capell – Australian dendrobiums

Ian reported that he was re-elected as Registrar for NSW at a recent judges' meeting.

Supper was served.

Speaker

Joe Gafa gave us a run-down on how he grows his orchids. His main points were that for successful growing you need to find the best aspect for each particular orchid. He spends much time moving his orchids about as the seasons change. He has a heated greenhouse plus several shade houses and does a lot of hand-watering. He uses a high nitrogen fertiliser in spring and one high in potassium in February. He does not feed much in winter. For the very hot weather he has sprinklers under the benches and for cold weather he has a heater in his glasshouse. The mix he uses is bark with a layer of foam for drainage. Joe feels that through trial and error and moving his orchids about over the seasons he has hit on the right formula for his particular growing area. The audience was most appreciative of his explanation on how he grows his magnificent plants.

Plants of the Night

Best species: *Den. lawesii* var. *bicolor* 'George' owned by Jan Robinson

Best Hybrid: *Onc.* Twinkle 'Red Fantasy' owned by Joe Gafa

Lucky exhibitor: Dora Law

Congratulations to our winners this evening.

The raffle was then drawn. The prize winners were: R Blaxland, B de Brincat, A Forster (2), D Coulton, J Fulcher.

Talk next month: This will be on Ecuador Orchids

The meeting was then declared closed at 9.40pm by Veronica who thanked the members for their attendance and wished everybody a safe trip home.



23rd Australian Orchid Council
International Conference & Show 2025
October 1-5, Wiigulga Sports Complex,
Solitary Islands Way, Woolgoolga

St Ives Orchid Fair

'The Big One'



In partnership with
Ku-ring-gai Council



ST IVES SHOWGROUND
Mona Vale Road, St Ives

Friday 15th August 2025 9 am to 4 pm
Saturday 16th August 2025 9 am to 4 pm
Sunday 17th August 2025 9 am to 3 pm

Bus Routes 196/197: Gordon Station - St Ives Village - Terrey Hills - Mona Vale
ADMISSION \$10 Children under 18 free

Bus groups welcome - concession,
Unlimited Free Parking, Wheel chair access

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For more Information: Show Marshal: Garrie Bromley Ph: 0425 336 049
<http://www.stivesorchidfair.com/>



Orchids Central

Orchid Displays and Sales

Club Condell Park
178 Eldridge Road, Bankstown
Club Bistro, Facilities and Parking

17th to 19th October 2025

9.30am - 4pm Friday and
Saturday
9.30am - 2pm Sunday

Adults: \$10
Buses: \$8
Children
under 15 Free

Vendors

Alice's Orchids	Nicky's Slippers	The Orchid Place
Hamiltons World of Cacti	Orchid Care Services	Wirra Willa Orchids- Queenplants & Orkid Design
Johnston's Orchids	Orchids of Distinction	
Kingfisher Orchid Nursery	RoLin Orchids	
Kings Nursery	Sakdisri Nursery	

For more information
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The Summer Orchid Festival is Sydney's premiere Summer Show and Sales event held in central Sydney. The inaugural Show & Sales will be held on

Saturday 13 December 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM & Sunday 14 December 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

Featuring the Stunning *Cattleya (Laelia) purpurata*

Known as the "Queen of Laelias," these spectacular Brazilian orchids will be the highlight of our first annual Summer Orchid Festival. Admire their remarkable diversity of colors and patterns as expert growers showcase prime specimens in full bloom.

Event Highlights

- Extensive display of *Laelia purpurata* varieties, multifloral paphiopedilums and other summer flowering orchids.
- Sales area with rare and common orchids from top growers providing a great opportunity to pick up a great Christmas gift for the orchid lover in your life.

Experienced orchid growers on hand to answer your burning orchid care questions.

Admission: Adults: \$5 | Children under 12: Free

Location: Ermington Community Centre, 10 River Road, Ermington | Free parking available.

For more information:

Email: summerorchidfestival@gmail.com

Website: www.summerorchidfestival.com.au

SOCIETY SHOW DATES 2025

July	31 - 2 Aug	Cumberland Orchid Circle	Grove Square Shopping Centre, Baulkham Hills
August	8-9	Sapphire Coast Orchid Society	Twyford Hall
	8-10	National Orchid Extravaganza	The Arena Sports Club, 140 Rookwood Rd, Yagoona
	13-17	Campbelltown & District Orchid Society	Narellan Town Centre, Woolworths end
	15-17	St Ives Orchid Fair	St Ives Showground, Mona Vale Rd, St Ives
	21-23	Berowra & Districts Orchid Society	Westfield Shopping Centre Hornsby
	21-24	Western Suburbs Orchid Society Inc.	Ashfield Mall, 260 Liverpool Rd Ashfield
	28-30	Fairfield District Orchid Society	Bonnyrigg Plaza, 100 Bonnyrigg Ave Bonnyrigg
	29-30	Manning River Orchid Society	Uniting Church Auditorium, Albert St, Taree
	30	Shoalhaven Orchid Society	Bomaderry Community Hall, 19 Birriley St Bomaderry
September	4-6	Hawkesbury District OS	Richmond Market Place, March St Richmond
	4-6	Cumberland Orchid Circle	Winston Hills Shopping Centre, Winston Hills
	4-6	Five Dock RSL Orchid Society	Leichhardt Market Place (near Target) 122-138 Flood St Leichhardt
	4-6	Nambucca Valley orchid Society	Nambucca Seniors Centre, 11 Kent St Nambucca Heads
	6	Revesby Workers Aust. Native Orchid Club	Atrium, Revesby Workers club, 2B Brett St Revesby
	6-7	Maitland & Coalfields Orchid Society	Morpeth School of Arts, 110 High St Morpeth
	10-14	Campbelltown & District Orchid Society	Narellan Town Centre, Woolworths end
	10-13	City of Lismore Orchid Society	Lismore Central, Carrington St Lismore
	11-12	Sapphire Coast Orchid Society	Bega Civic Centre
	11-13	North Shore Orchid Society	St Ives Shopping Centre, St Ives
	11-13	Eastwood & District Orchid Circle	Eastwood Shopping Centre, 152-160 Rowe St Eastwood
	12-13	Sutherland Shire Orchid Society	Woollooware Shores Retirement Village, 2-28 Alexander Ave Taren Point
	13-14	Blue Mountains & Penrith District OS	Melrose Hall, Cnr Gt Western Highway and Park St Emu Plains
	13-14	Milton Ulladulla Orchid Society	Ulladulla Civic Centre, Princes Highway Ulladulla
	13-14	Camden Haven Orchid Society	Laurieton United Services Club, Seymour St Laurieton
	13-14	Coffs Harbour Orchid Society	North Coast Regional Botanic Gardens, Hardacre St Coffs Harbour
	13-14	Illawarra District Orchid society	Senior Citizens Hall Benaud St Warilla
	13-14	Mingara Orchid Club	Anglican Church, Brooke Ave Bateau Bay
	17-19	Boolaroo Orchid Society	Belmont Citi Centre, Macquarie & Edgar Sts Belmont
	19-21	Woodburn/Evans Head & District Orchid & Foliage Society	Woodburn Memorial Hall, River St Woodburn
	20	Southern Highlands Orchid Society	Mittagong RSL, Old Hume Hwy, Mittagong
	20-21	South and West Region Orchid Show and Conference	Fitzroy Pavilion, Exhibition Park, Canberra
	20-21	Blacktown City Orchid Society	Seven Hills Shopping Plaza, 224 Prospect Highway Seven Hills
	26-28	Leisure Coast Orchid Society	Woonona RSL Club Bulli
	27-28	Maclean & District Orchid Society	Maclean Showground
	27-28	Wagga Wagga Orchid Society	Glenfield Community Centre, Tanda Place, Glenfield (Wagga Wagga)

BENCHING RESULTS JUNE 2025

Best Hybrid: Joe Gafa — *Onc. Twinkle 'Red Fantasy'*

Best Species: Jan Robinson — *Den. lowesii* var. *bicolour* 'Georgie'

Open Classes - Hybrids

Class 1 - Cymbidium

1. FMusial&LChang *Cym. Bennett-Poei x Death Wish*
2. P&J D'Olier *Cym. Arachnid*
3. FMusial&LChang *Cym. Death Wish 'Speckled Spectre'*

Class 3 - Laeliinae 120mm and over

1. FMusial&LChang *Rlc. Brunswick Gem 'Coral'*
2. I&I Chalmers *Rlc. Nakonathon Silver Mc*
3. FMusial&LChang *Rlc. Bow Bells*

Class 4 - Laeliinae Cluster (min 5 Flowers)

1. FMusial&LChang *Rth. Topaz Celebration 'Florid'*
2. I&I Chalmers *C. unknown*

Class 5 - Laeliinae (71mm - 119mm)

1. J Gafa *Cat. Dal's Beau*
2. I&I Chalmers *C. unknown*
3. FMusial&LChang *Rlc. Topaz Sublime*

Class 6 - Laeliinae Miniature (up to 70mm)

1. J Fulcher *Bard. Nanboh's Pixie*
2. P&J D'Olier *C. V. Doran*
3. A Mobbs *Ctt. Chief Berry*

Class 7 - Paphiopedilum classical shape

1. M Drury *Paph. Sandalwood 'Blumen Insel' x Hamana Anne*
2. I&I Chalmers *Paph. hybrid*

Class 8A - Cyripedioideae Other

1. M Drury *Paph. Leeannum x insigne* var. *sylhetense*
2. I&I Chalmers *Phrag. Eric Young*
3. I&I Chalmers *Phrag. Perniflora's Cirila Alca*

Class 9 - Specimen Orchid

1. D Law *Paph. insigne*

Class 10 - Terrestrial Species/Hybrid any genera

1. J Gafa *Cal. vestita 'William Murray'*
2. I&I Chalmers *Ludisec*
3. RG Blaxland *Ptst. repanda*

Class 11 - Seedling any hybrid genera

1. I&I Chalmers *Paph. St Swithins*

Class 12 - phalaenopsis (75mm and over)

1. J Gafa *Phal. Ox Black Face*

Class 16 - Vandaceous (50mm and over)

1. F De Zotti *V. unknown*

Class 17 - Dendrobium

1. J Gafa *Den. Alice's Rainbow*
2. I&I Chalmers *Den. atovidacen x johnsonniae*

Class 18 - Oncidiinae (> 61mm)

1. J Gafa *Onc. Kulnura Calypso*
2. FMusial&LChang *Ons. Midnight Miracles*
3. D Law *Odont. Mystic Maze*

Class 19 - Oncidiinae (36-60 mm)

1. J Gafa *Gom. Moon Shadow*
2. A Mobbs *Colm. Wildcat '#13'*

Class 19A - Oncidiinae (up to 35mm)

1. J Gafa *Onc. Twinkle 'Red Fantasy'*
2. FMusial&LChang *Onc. Taka*
3. D Law *Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'*

Class 20 - Sarcanthinae Hybrids

1. I&I Chalmers *Sarco. Bonanza 'Hacll'*

Class 20A - Australian Native Hybrids Other

1. F De Zotti *Den. Ezma Poulton 'Tinonee'*
2. F De Zotti *Den. Hilda Poxon*
3. I&I Chalmers *Den. Warringah*

Class 22 - Hybrid Not Elsewhere Specified

1. I&I Chalmers *Ctsm. unknown*
2. FMusial&LChang *Coel. Jannine Banks*
3. F De Zotti *Fdk. After Dark*

Open Classes - Species

Class 23 - Laeliinae

1. V Clowes *C. cernua*
2. V Clowes *C. wittiglana*
3. P&J D'Olier *L. anceps 'Walburn' x 'Helen'*

Class 24 - Cyripedioideae

1. J Robinson *Paph. villosum*
2. C Rethers *Paph. venustum f. measuresianum*
3. D Law *Paph. insigne*

Class 26 - Oncidiinae

1. FMusial&LChang *Onc. maculatum*
2. C Wong *Onc. flexuosum*

Class 27 - Dendrobium

1. J Robinson *Den. lowesii* var. *bicolour* 'Georgie'
2. V Clowes *Den. ionopus*
3. I&I Chalmers *Den. ellipsophyllum*

Class 27A - Bulbophyllum

1. J Fulcher *Bulb. sulawesiense*
2. P&J D'Olier *Bulb. sp.*
3. I&I Chalmers *Bulb. longissimum*

Class 30 - Miniature flowers

1. P&J D'Olier *E. boothiana*
2. I&I Chalmers *Trichofosia panciflora*
3. I&I Chalmers *Med. sp*

Class 31 - American Species Other

1. FMusial&LChang *Max. schunkeana*

Class 32 - Pleurothallidinae

1. J Fulcher *Rstp. muscifera*
2. RG Blaxland *Pths. stricta*

Class 32A - Coelogyninae

1. C Rethers *Coel. assamica*
2. RG Blaxland *Coel. speciosa*
3. P&J D'Olier *Coel. longirachis*

Class 33 - Species not elsewhere specified

1. C Rethers *Max. variabilis*
2. FMusial&LChang *Cym. erythraeum*

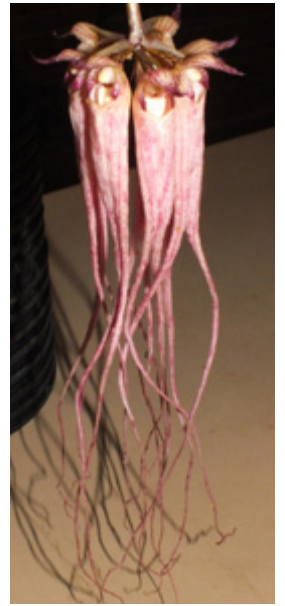
BENCHING JUNE 2025



Cal. vestita 'William Murray'
(J Gafa)



Onc. Kulnura Calypso (J Gafa)



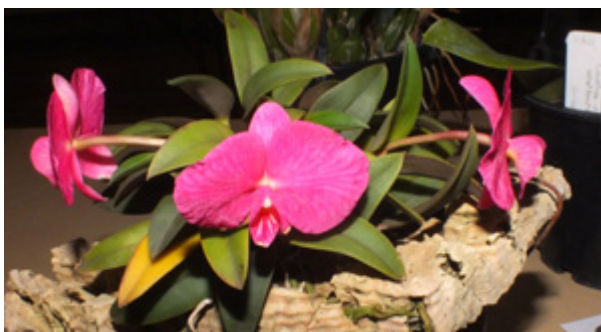
Bulb. longissimum (I&I Chalmers)



Phal. Ox Black Face (J Gafa)



Paph. venustum f. measuresianum
(C Rethers)



C. wittiglana (V Clowes)



Den. ionopus (V Clowes)