

Orchids Out West 2026



Show Schedule

Venue: Philip Charley Pavilion, Hawkesbury Showground,
Racecourse Road Clarendon

Friday 15 May 9am - 4pm
Saturday 16 May 9am - 4pm
Sunday 17 May 9am - 2pm

Show Set-up from 10.00 am Thursday 14 May
Judges dinner 6pm Thursday 14 May
Judging commences 7pm Thursday 14 May

Featuring the
Kevin Hipkins Memorial Trophy
For outstanding species or innovative hybrid Cymbidium

Best in Show	Rosette
Grand Champion Hybrid <i>Sponsored by The Orchid Society of NSW</i>	\$250 + sash
Grand Champion Species <i>Partially Sponsored by Blacktown City Orchid Society</i>	\$250 + sash
Best Specimen of the Show <i>Sponsored by Antonina & David Forster</i>	\$100 + sash
Champion Cymbidium <i>Sponsored by Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts Orchid Society</i>	\$50 + sash
Champion Vandaceous <i>Sponsored by Hawkesbury District Orchid Society</i>	\$50 + sash
Champion Laeliinae <i>Sponsored by Blacktown City Orchid Society</i>	\$50 + sash
Champion Cyrtipedioideae <i>Sponsored by Antonina & David Forster</i>	\$50 + sash
Champion Oncidiinae <i>Sponsored by Veronica Clowes</i>	\$50 + sash
Champion Australian Native Orchid Hybrid/Species <i>Sponsored by Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts Orchid Society</i>	\$50 + sash
Champion Other Orchid Hybrid <i>Sponsored by Hawkesbury District Orchid Society</i>	\$50 + sash
Champion Species Americas <i>Sponsored by S.P.E.C.I.E.S. Orchid Society</i>	\$50 + sash
Champion Species Other <i>Sponsored by S.P.E.C.I.E.S. Orchid Society</i>	\$50 + sash
Champion Seedling <i>Sponsored by Joe Gafa</i>	\$50 + sash
Champion Orchid Exhibited by a Novice / Junior <i>Sponsored by Orchid Mania</i>	\$50 + sash

SECTION 1: DISPLAYS

Orchids in Classes 1 to 4 are eligible for judging in other classes where appropriate, provided they are accessible to judge and have been nominated, if this is required.

CLASS 1 — Display 9 sq metres

To consist of a display of orchids and foliage plants (see *Condition 6*). Area 9 sq metres.

All entries in this class will receive \$400 for exhibiting

Class 1a non-commercial | Class 1b commercial

CLASS 2 — Display of 4 sq metres

To consist of a display of orchids and foliage plants (see *Condition 6*). Area 4 sq metres.

All entries in this class will receive \$200 for exhibiting

Class 2a non-commercial | Class 2b commercial

CLASS 3 — Table Top Display of Orchids

1.5 (approx) metres x table width to be embellished with foliage plants to enhance the display (see *Condition 6*). All entries in this class will receive \$100 for exhibiting

Class 3a non-commercial 1st Prize \$30.00 2nd Prize \$ 20.00

Class 3b commercial 1st Prize \$30.00 2nd Prize \$ 20.00

Note: All displays will be judged using the following criteria:

Design, Appearance & Presentation	35 points
Genera	5 points
Quality of Orchids	20 points
Variety of Colour	15 points
Finishing	15 points
Ticketing (5 style & 5 name)	10 points

PRIZE MONEY IN SECTIONS 2-6

Plants to receive prizes may be selected from all exhibits in the show subject to nomination requirements as outlined in condition (7). Prize money in all sections is:

1st Prize \$10.00 2nd Prize \$ 5.00

**IN THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS ALL CLASSES MARKED WITH A # SHOULD BE NOMINATED.
Judges may judge orchids in these sections that have not been nominated.**

SECTION 2: EXOTIC HYBRIDS

CLASS 4 — *Cymbidium*

- Cymbidium* 90mm or greater
- Cymbidium* greater than 60mm but less than 90mm
- Cymbidium* 60mm and under
- Cymbidium* Novelty Type (e.g. Deathwish style of hybrids)

CLASS 5 — *Vandaceous*

Phalaenopsis

- 75mm or greater
- Greater than 50mm but less than 75mm
- 50mm and under

Vandaceous other

- Vandaceous hybrids greater than 50mm
- Vandaceous hybrids 50mm and under

CLASS 6 — *Laeliinae*

Standard *Cattleya* Hybrids

- Lavender or Mauve
- Any other colour

***Laeliinae* Hybrids greater than 70mm up to 120mm**

- Lavender, Mauve or Pink
- Yellow, Orange or Apricot
- Any other colour

***Laeliinae* Hybrids 70mm and less**

- Lavender, Mauve or Pink
- Yellow, Orange or Apricot
- Any other colour

Cluster *Laeliinae* (Minimum 5 Flowers)

- i. C. Porcia and Lc. Little Suzie
- j. Pink or Purple
- k. Spotted
- l. Any other colour

CLASS 7 — *Cypripedioideae* Hybrids

- a. Classical
- b. Novelty
- c. *Paphiopedilum* including *Parvisepalum* and *Brachypetalum*
- d. Maudiae style
- e. *Phragmipedium*
- f. Any other *Cypripedioideae*

CLASS 8 — *Oncidiinae* Hybrids

- a. *Oncidium varicosum* type
- b. Any other *Oncidiinae* 60mm & over
- c. Any other *Oncidiinae* over 35mm & under 60mm
- d. Any other *Oncidiinae* 35mm & under

CLASS 9 — Other Hybrids

- a. Exotic *Dendrobium* Hybrids (other than *Dockrillia* type)
- b. *Dendrobium* - *Dockrillia* type (including native *Dockrillia* type)
- c. *Pleurothallidinae* 15mm and over measured across the widest point
- d. *Pleurothallidinae* under 15 mm measured across the widest point
- e. Any other Genera

CLASS 10— Seedlings (See Condition 16 - All seedling plants need to be nominated)

- a. #*Cymbidium*
- b. #*Vandaceous*
- c. #*Laeliinae*
- d. #*Cypripedioideae*
- e. #*Oncidiinae*
- f. #Other
- g. #Australian Native

SECTION 3: EXOTIC SPECIES (Note: Miniature species are to be judged only in the miniature sections)

CLASS 11 — Exotic Species

Americas

- a. # *Laeliinae*
- b. # *Oncidiinae*
- c. # *Pleurothallidinae*
- d. # Other (Americas)
- e. # Miniature American (flowers 15mm or less across the widest part of the flower and inflorescence < 200mm) (see Condition 17).

The Rest of the World (excluding Australia)

- f. # Monopodial (Including *Vandaceous*, *Phalaenopsis*, *Angraecum* and related genera etc)
- g. # *Paphiopedilum*
- h. # *Dendrobium*
- i. # *Bulbophyllinae*
- j. # Other
- k. # Miniature Other (flowers 15mm or less across the widest part of the flower and inflorescence < 200mm) (see Condition 17).

SECTION 4: AUSTRALIAN

CLASS 12 — Australian Native Species

- a. # Epiphytic
- b. # Terrestrial (see Condition 8)
- c. # Miniature (flowers 15mm or less across the widest part of the flower and inflorescence < 200mm) (see Condition 17)

CLASS 13 — Australian Native Hybrid

- a. *Dendrobium* excluding *Dockrillia* type
- b. Terrestrial (see Condition 8)
- c. Any other

SECTION 5: NOVICE (See condition 15)

CLASS 14 — Novice

- a. # *Cymbidium* Standard 90mm or greater
- b. # *Cymbidium* Intermediate /Miniature less than 90mm
- c. # Australian Native Species or Hybrid
- d. # *Laeliinae*
- e. # *Oncidiinae*
- f. # Species orchid
- g. # Orchid not otherwise specified

SECTION 6 : JUNIOR

(Orchids exhibited by a junior grower aged 17 years or under at the date of exhibiting)

CLASS 15 — # Best Orchid

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. All entries are free and open to Members of the O.S.N.S.W. and any Affiliated Orchid Society.
2. Entries are received upon the basis that the Society or its Sponsors shall not be responsible for any loss, destruction nor damage to such exhibits and the exhibitor shall have no claim against the Society or Sponsors.
3. Entries are accepted on condition that they are disease free. The decision of the Show Marshal, or his appointed representative, shall be final.
4. All competitive entries shall have been owned and in the possession of the exhibitor for the preceding six months. This rule does not apply to ferns or foliage plants used in displays.
5. All competitive entries should be correctly and clearly labelled with the name of the plant.
6. Exhibitors may use Ferns and/or Foliage plants to embellish exhibits. No flower other than Orchids, Carnivorous Plants or Anthurium may be used in any display.
7. Nominations for classes marked # must be in the hands of the Show Marshal by 5.00pm on Thursday 14 May 2026.
Please note: Judges have the discretion to award plants that are not nominated.
8. Any terrestrial that needs a cover for humidity, it must be see through.
9. All plants shall be in position ready for judging by 6.00pm on Thursday 14 May 2026.
10. A display representative needs to be available on the **morning of Friday 15 May** to identify the class winners and place getters in their respective displays. A list will be supplied with the winning orchids. The owner of each respective orchid needs to be printed on this form by the representative and returned to the Show Marshal this same morning.
11. If in the opinion of the judges no exhibit in any class warrants a prize, none will be made. At the discretion of the Show Marshal additional classes may be included where warranted.
12. Judging shall be by a panel of Judges nominated by O.S.N.S.W. Registrar and shall be in accordance with the standards and by-laws laid down by the O.S.N.S.W. Inc. **The judges decision will be final.**
13. No exhibit may be dismantled or removed prior to the closing time of the show which is 2.00 pm on Sunday 17 May 2026.
14. Championship ribbons will be presented to the winners at 1.45 pm on Sunday 17 May 2026. All other class prizes will be handed out in a pack to a representative of each society.
15. NOVICE shall mean: Any exhibitor until she/he has won in aggregate first prize three genera or classes at any Orchid show or shows. The winning of a yearly point score in a monthly competition of any Society in any Genus/Class shall be deemed equivalent to a first prize in a Genus/Class. An exhibitor shall remain a Novice until the end of the calendar year in which the first prize for the third Genus/Class was won. Novice plants are eligible for any Championship Prizes.
16. 'SEEDLING' shall mean the complete plant grown from seed and flowered for the first time. For exhibition purposes seedlings shall retain their status of 'Seedling' throughout the flowering season in which they first flower. Mericlones and species are not 'seedlings'.
17. 'MINIATURE SPECIES' are defined as Orchids with flowers 15mm or under in size across the widest part of the flower, regardless of the number of flowers, and distance of < 200mm from 1st to last flower. All 'Miniature' species are to be judged in the Miniature species class.
18. Nomenclature of orchids, the classes are based on the current RHS classification of orchids. Awards will be granted in accordance with the current RHS nomenclature. Note *Doritis* and *Doritaenopsis* are now recognised as *Phalaenopsis*. *Dendrobium* includes all the genera that have been sunk back into *Dendrobium*.
19. Staking shall be in accordance with the rules of O.S.N.S.W. and be in such a manner so as not to be obtrusive and distract from the overall beauty and charm of the plant.
 - a. Flowers shall not be tied or supported on any part of the flower including the ovaries.
 - b. Inflorescences shall not be tied or supported above the lowest flower.
 - c. In the case of branching racemes shall not be tied or supported above the uppermost branch.
 - d. Where plants are tied above the bottom flower or top branch, the judges are permitted to penalise, or temporarily remove such tie for the purpose of judging.
 - e. Ties should be able to be easily removed by the judges. Cable ties and sticky tape are not acceptable.
 - f. Points will be deducted for obtrusive staking, dangerous staking where the stake protrudes above the flowers and could poke some ones eye out and large or ornamental clips that detract from the floral display.
20. When displays are being judged for arrangement and display, recognition will be given to displays which are uncluttered and spaced to best advantage. As a guide approximately 25% of the floor area should be open to allow access to the judges. Also displays should be dressed all around so as to present an aesthetic appearance.
21. The Show Marshal, or his appointed representative, has the right to remove any plant from any display or vendors area for any reason what so ever.