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Orchid News

Next meeting: 27th April

HYBRID OF THE NIGHT

Den. Hot Lips 'Lesley' (L&G Bromley)



SPECIES OF THE NIGHT

Psh. cochleata 'Pepe' x 'Jules and Elaine' (D Law)



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello again from the desk

The 2026 'Royal' has been run and won by a Bulbophyllum and a Miltonia! Judging no 1 saw a beautiful Bulbophyllum medusa take out the Supreme Champion for Joe Gafa, while at the 2nd judging, Miltonia Earl Dunn 'Hildos' (pg 2) was awarded an 'Award of Cultural Excellence' and the Supreme Champion for Fred Musial and Linda Chang.

Well Done Joe and Fred&Linda, and congratulations to all who entered the competition. What a great display (85 plants entered in 2nd judging!.....looking fabulous) Should we aim for 100+ in 2027? I think so, I have already heard of an additional 2 exhibitors for '27 and there's only 360 days to go .

Show season is beginning, Orchids Out West just a month away, society shows beginning in May and continuing all the way through October, plenty to see and do for your local clubs. A reminder that those Grand Champions must be photographed, and pics sent to the Registrar for entry into the Affiliated Societies photo competition. \$300 to be won for the winner and \$100 for the society who nominated the winner (in their local show) Very little effort = big reward!

Finally, thank you to those societies who responded to my request for info and/or suggestions about recruiting new members and retaining those members you already have, whilst the number of responses was a little disappointing, we will collate the replies and provide feedback in the next little while. The downward trend in those willing and able to share our hobby is indeed a sad situation, we need to work hard at our local shows, encouraging those visitors who stop to admire, or shop at our sales tables, to come along and enjoy the camaraderie of our society meetings.

See you at a local show somewhere soon, Veronica

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WHAT'S ON AT FUTURE MEETINGS

- 27 April:** Alex Portillia, Ecuagenera. This is his WOC talk titled: *Phragmipedium*: Insights into in-situ growth and trends in breeding.
- 25 May:** Ian Chalmers will give a report of the WOC 2026 Dresden.
- 29 June:** Arthur Chadwick - Chadwick's Orchids US will give a talk on cattleyas
- 27 July:** Greg Giffis, EYOF will give a talk on the developments in the Eric Young Orchid Foundation
- 31 Aug:** AGM & a local speaker

The talks from the overseas speakers will be open to members outside the metropolitan area attending via Zoom.

Anyone wishing to join by Zoom please contact Ian Chalmers (ianchalmers73@gmail.com) for the codes.

OSNSW MANAGEMENT 2026

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JUDGES ROSTER 2026

	April	May	June
Panel 1 Class 1-11	N Gill L Bromley K Siew	D Law W Chapman T Yee J Ng	J Robinson J Gouvoussis L Bromley T Angrela
Panel 2 Class 12-22 Nov. 40-42	J Gouvoussis I Chalmers J Sim M Drury	P Miszalski P D'Olier M Aldridge	D Law G Hart I Chalmers J Ng
Panel 3 Class 23-33 Nov. 43-44	G Hart J D'Olier S Tay T Agrela	C Polis N Gill J Allen M Drury	P Serb C Scott-Harden W Chapman



Milt. Earl Dunn Hildos (FMusial & L Chang)

Orchids
Out West

15 - 17 May 2026

Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon

MEMBERSHIP JOINING FEES

- Metro Member & 1st Yr (Incl. Name badge) \$43.00
- Joint Metro & 1st Yr (Incl. Name badges) \$62.00
- Single Country or Interstate & 1st Yr \$22.00
- Joint Country or Interstate & 1st Yr \$29.00

INFORMATION RE OUR POSTAL ADDRESS

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- Single Metropolitan Member \$25.00
- Joint Metropolitan Members \$32.00
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- Single Country and Interstate Member \$22.00
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(i.e. \$24 membership and \$5 for insurance)
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- Affiliated Society \$62.00
- 11 Posted issues of Orchid News \$36.70
(Orchid News is normally emailed)
- If you require a receipt mailed to you please include \$1.70 in your payment.

Minutes of the Orchid Society of NSW General Meeting. Held on Monday, 30 March 2026 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 the March 2026 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.

A little later this evening our own Garrie Bromley will be showing us recent orchid awards

Visitors: Nil

New Member(s): Nil

Apologies: John Allen, Ian and Irene Chalmers, Chin Wong

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2026 were confirmed as a true account of that meeting. Proposed by Christine Rethers and seconded by Toni Benton, approved.

Matters Arising: Nil

General Business

- **Public Liability Insurance renewal** for affiliates who insure under the OSNSW umbrella is now complete and the Certificate of Currency will be available on our website for download from mid-April.
- Tonight the special plant is replaced by 2 tickets to the Royal Easter Show! These tickets include public transport to/from the show.
- **Supper assistance for today:** Thanks to Antonina Forster and Linda Chang for assisting with supper. Thanks also to those who contributed goodies. A special thank you to Daniel Coulton who single-handedly set up all the tables tonight.
- **Easter Show:** Orchids entered will be judged on the 6th April and again on 12th April. Volunteers list is complete for Orchid Cart – thank you all. Good Luck to our members who have entered the competition. Volunteers will get a free entry pass to the Show.
- **Affiliated Societies Photo competition:** 2025/26 competition is underway and photos should be sent to Ian as soon as they are available, don't wait to send them later, as you may quite easily forget to do it. Details of the Affiliated Societies Photo competition 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** - 15-17th May, set-up on 14th May, Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon – the Show Committee is 'off and running', OOW is the first horticultural event this year. The Collectors Plant Fair, both at Penrith and Maitland, will not be held this year.
- **Orchids Central** (18-20 September, Club Condell Park, 178 Eldridge St. Condell Park) – Preparations now well under way. Vendors are secured, volunteer recruitment underway.
- **OSNSW Summer Orchid Festival** (December 4-6, Georges Hall Community Centre). Second meeting of organising committee soon, event in recess.
- **Sales Table:** The President asked members to please consider bringing their excess plants for us to sell.
- **Ira Butler Competition** : Entries for the 2025/2026 has been judged and results will be available shortly. Entries for the 2026/2027 competition should be sent to the secretary of the competition (Irene Chalmers). Details may be found on the following website: <https://irabutlertrophy.org.au/>.
- **AOC News** – Peter D'Olier reported that the next AOC meeting will be on 11 April. The aim is to make the AOC a national organisation. The results of the vote so far on the delivery of quarterly magazine is for it to be sent electronically.

Treasurer's Report as at 16 March 2026

Cheque account balances as at 12 March 2026 total \$30,944. Term deposit balances at Westpac \$146,116.52

Registrar's Report: Ian Chalmers was away. Garrie Bromley gave out award certificate to those recipients who were present.

Monthly Meeting Speakers: March – Garrie Bromley

Supper was served.

Speaker – Garrie Bromley showed some of the recent NSW awards.

Plants of the Night

- Best species: *Prosthechea cochleata* 'Pepe' x 'Jules and Elaine' owned by Dora Law
- Best Hybrid: *Den.* Hot Lips 'Lesley' owned by L & G Bromley
- Lucky Exhibitor: Cary Polis

Congratulations to our winners this evening.

The raffle was then drawn. The prize winners were: Cary Polis, Christine Rethers, Veronica Clowes, Sharon McIlwain, Craig Scott-Harden, Kathy Katsoukis, Jan Robinson

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.

WINNERS AT THE 2026 ROYAL EASTER SHOW



Supreme Champion - Joe & Carmel Gafa



Adrian Zderic



Fred Musial & Linda Chang



Gavid Curtis



Joe & Carmel Gafa

Society Shows to date for May - September 2026 - Check website for full listing

May	1-2	Maclean & District Orchid Society Inc	Maclean Showground
	7-9	Five Dock RSL Orchid Society	Leichhardt Marketplace 122-138 Flood St, Leichhardt
	7-9	Nambucca Valley Orchid Society Autumn Show	11 Kent St Nambucca Heads
	9-10	Woodburn/Evans Head & District Orchid & Foliage Society Inc.	Woodburn Memorial Hall, River St Woodburn
	15-17	Orchids Out West	Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon
	29-30	Casino Orchid Society	St Mark's Hall, Cnr West & Barker Sts Casino
	29-30	Tweed District Orchid Society	Jessie McMillan Hall, 16 Wollumbin St Murwillumbah
June	11-13	North Shore Orchid Society	St Ives Shopping Village, Mona Vale Rd St Ives
	13-14	Camden Haven Orchid Society	Laurieton United Services Club, Seymour St Laurieton
	19-21	Manly Warringah Orchid Society	Belrose Home Co., Lvl 1, 4-5 Niangala Close Belrose
	19-20	Sutherland Shire Orchid Society	Woolooware Shore Retirement Village, 2-28 Alexander Ave Taren Point
	19-20	Manning River Orchid Society	Uniting church Auditorium, 29 Albert St Taree
	21-22	Blacktown City Orchid Society	Seven Hills Shopping Place, 224 Prospect Highway Seven Hills
	27-28	Mingara Orchid Fair	Mingara Recreation Club, Mingara Drive Tumby Umbi
July	2-4	Fairfield Orchid Society	Bonnyrigg Plaza, 100 Bonnyrigg Ave Bonnyrigg
	4-5	Maitland & Coalfields Orchid Society	Morpeth School of Arts, 110 High St Morpeth
	4	Illawarra District Orchid Society	Warilla Senior Citizens Hall, Benaud Cres, Warilla
	4-5	Milton Ulladulla Orchid Society	Ulladulla Civic Centre, Princes Highway, Ulladulla
	4-5	Blue Mountains & Penrith District Orchid Society	Melrose Hall, Cnr Gt Western Hwy & Park St Emu Plains
	9-12	Campbelltown Orchid Society	Macarthur Square, 200 Gilchrist Drive Campbelltown
	9-11	Eastwood & District Orchid Society	Eastwood Shopping Centre 152-160 Rowe St Eastwood
	10-11	Eurobodalla Orchid Club	CWA Hall, 64 Queen St Moruya
	11	Shoalhaven Orchid Society	Bomaderry Community Centre, 17 Birriley St Bomaderry
	18-19	Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society	Soldiers Club, Beach Road, Batemans Bay
	18-19	Central Coast-Hunter Region Cymbidium Society	Outside Spotlight, Home Centre, Cnr Bryant Drive & Wyong Rd Tuggerah
	18-19	Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society	Flower Power Garden Centre, 84A Wentworth Ave Mascot
	23-25	Hawkesbury District Orchid Society	Richmond Market Place, March St Richmond
	30-1Aug	Cumberland Orchid Circle	Grove Square Shopping Centre, Baulkham Hills
August	6-9	Campbelltown Orchid Society	Narellan Town Centre, 326 Camden Valley Way
	7-9	National Orchid Extravaganza	The Arena Sports Club, 140 Rookwood Rd Yagoona
	7-9	Manly Warringah Orchid Society	Belrose Home Co, Lvl 1, 4-6 Niangala Close Belrose
	7-8	Sapphire Coast Orchid Club	Twyford Hall, 16 Market St, Merimbula
	14-16	St Ives Orchid Fair	St Ives Showground, St Ives
	21-22	Manning River Orchid Society	Uniting Church Auditorium, 29 Albert St Taree
	27-20	Fairfield Orchid Society	Bonnyrigg Plaza, 100 Bonnyrigg Ave Bonnyrigg
	28-29	Tweed District Orchid Society	Jessie McMillan Hall, 16 Wollumbin St Murwillumbah

Sept	3-6	Campbelltown Orchid Society	Narellan Town Centre, 326 Camden Valley Way
	3-5	Five Dock RSL Orchid Society	Leichhardt Marketplace 122-138 Flood St, Leichhardt
	3-5	Nambucca Valley Orchid Society	11 Kent St Nambucca Heads
	3-5	Hawkesbury District Orchid Society	Richmond Market Place, March St Richmond
	3-5	Cumberland Orchid Circle	Winston Hills Mall, Winston Hills
	5	Revesby Workers Australian Native Orchid Club	Revesby Workers Club 2B Brett St Revesby
	5	Shoalhaven Orchid Society	Bomaderry Community Centre, 17 Birriley St Bomaderry
	5-6	Maitland & Coalfields Orchid Society	Morpeth School of Arts, 110 High St Morpeth
	5-7	Batemans Bay orchid & Foliage Society	Soldiers Club, Beach Road, Batemans Bay
	10-12	City of Lismore Orchid Society	Lismore Central Shopping Centre
	10-12	North Shore Orchid Society	St Ives Shopping Village, Mona Vale Rd St Ives
	10-12	Eastwood & District Orchid Society	Eastwood Shopping Centre 152-160 Rowe St Eastwood
	11-12	Sapphire Coast Orchid Club	Tathra Surf Life Saving Club, 6 Andy Poole Drive Tathra
	11-12	Byron & District Orchid Society	Mullumbimby Ex Services Club, Dalley St Mullumbimby
	11-12	Sutherland Shire Orchid Society	Woolooware Shore Retirement Village, 2-28 Alexander Ave Taren Point
	12	Illawarra District Orchid Society	Warilla Senior Citizens Hall, Benaud Cres, Warilla
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	12-13	Mingara Orchid Club	Anglican Church, Cnr Eastern Rd & Brooke Ave Bateau Bay
	17-19	Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society	Soldiers Club, Beach Road, Batemans Bay
	18-20	Orchids Central	Club Condell Park, 178 Eldridge St Condell Park
	19-20	Canberra Orchid Society Spring Show	Fitzroy Pavilion, Exhibition Park, Canberra
	19-20	Eurobodalla orchid Club	Narooma Leisure Centre, Cnr Princes Hwy & Blue Water Dr Narooma
	19-21	Blacktown City Orchid Society	Seven Hills Shopping Place, 224 Prospect Highway Seven Hills
	25-26	Casino Orchid Society	St Mark's Hall, Cnr West & Barker Sts Casino
	25-26	Maclean & District Orchid Society Inc	Maclean Showground

BENCHING RESULTS MARCH 2026

Best Hybrid: G&L Bromley Den. Hot Lips 'Lesley'

Best Species: D Law

Psh. cochleata 'Pepe' x 'Jules and Elaine'

Open Classes - Hybrids

Class 1 - Cymbidium

1. A Zderic Cym. Baretta Saraba
2. A Zderic Cym. unknown

Class 3 - Laeliinae 120mm and over

1. FMusial&LChang Rth. Topaz Cauloso x R/c. Little Magician
2. F De Zotti C. unknown
3. FMusial&LChang R/c. Greenwich 'Elmhurst'

Class 4 - Laeliinae Cluster (min 5 Flowers)

1. FMusial&LChang Ctt. Caudekew
2. C Polis C. leopoldii x L. milleri
3. L&G Bromley Lnt. Wrigleyi 'Orchidlibrary'

Class 5 - Laeliinae (71mm - 119mm)

1. FMusial&LChang Rth. Musial's Leopard '13'
2. FMusial&LChang Rth. Musial's Leopard '13'
3. C Polis Slc. Angel Flare 'Janelle' x Pot. Rosella Tokyo

Class 6 - Laeliinae Miniature (up to 70mm)

1. J Robinson C.. Queen of Gozo
2. A Zderic Slc. Mini Doris x C. walkeriana

Class 8 - Paphiopedilum Maudae Shape

1. L&P Au Paph. Hsinying Love x charlesworthii 'Bordeaux'
2. L&G Bromley Paph. Doya Impulse x Impulse

Class 8a - Cyripedioideae Other

1. A&D Forster Paph. Mrs Haywood
2. S-Harden&Cullinan Paph. Rothchildianum x James Bacon x Tokyo 'Black Knight'
3. F De Zotti Phrag. Calurum

Class 9 - Specimen Orchid

1. A Zderic Onc. Kismet
2. L&P Au Sngl. longifolia '#1'

Class 10 - Terrestrial Species/Hybrid any genera

1. J Portelli Spir. odorata
2. A&D Forster Hab. Pegasus
3. L&P Au Sng. longifolia '#2'

Class 11 - Seedling any hybrid genera

1. FMusial&LChang C. Aloha Case x Lana Coryell 'Sunrise'
2. FMusial&LChang C. Gerard Nappert 'Red Rock' x intermedia

Class 12 - Phalaenopsis (75mm and over)

1. A Zderic Phal. I-Hsin Sesame
2. A Zderic Phal. Bulls Eye '2415'
3. FMusial&LChang Phal. Sogo Jessica

Class 13 - Phalaenopsis (51mm-75mm)

1. A Zderic Phal. Pink Charm
2. A Zderic Phal. Orange Sunset '447'
3. A Zderic Phal. Stars and Stripes

Class 14 - Phalaenopsis (up to 50mm)

1. L&G Bromley Phal. Tzu Chiang Senrima x pulcherrima
2. L&G Bromley Phal. Tzu Chiang Senrima x pulcherrima
3. L&G Bromley Phal. Formosa 'Cranberry'

Class 15 - Vandaceous (up to 50mm)

1. L&G Bromley V. Brisbane River 'Brighton'
2. L&G Bromley Van. Pine Rivers 'Brighton'
3. C Polis Van. Tropic Coelestis

Class 16 - Vandaceous (50mm and over)

1. A Zderic V. Nopporn White Diamond 'Pink Lips'

Class 17 - Dendrobium

1. L&G Bromley Den. Hot Lips 'Lesley'
2. P&J D'Olier Den. Speewak Twist
3. D Law Den. Green Ardang

Class 18 - Oncidiinae (> 61mm)

1. FMusial&LChang Milt. Kismet 'Kino Kai'
2. FMusial&LChang Brat. Aztec 'Toni'
3. D Law Onc. Anne Warne

Class 19 - Oncidiinae (36-60 mm)

1. M Drury Burr. Brazilian Sun 'Samba'
2. F De Zotti Odcdm. Bittersweet 'Roll of Honour'
3. J Gafa Onc. Jiuhbao Gold 'KBR'

Class 19A - Oncidiinae (up to 35mm)

1. FMusial&LChang Onc. Mini Shower
2. A Zderic Onc. Lemon Mist
3. A Mobbs Hwra. Lava Burst

Class 20A- Australian Native Hybrids Other

1. L&G Bromley Den. Warringah 'Soft Pink'
2. L&G Bromley Den. Topaz Dream 'Lesley'

Class 22 - Hybrid Not Elsewhere Specified

1. L&G Bromley Bulb cootesii x sumatranum
2. S-Harden&Cullinan Z. Jumping Jack
3. C Polis Coel. Bird in Flight

Open Classes - Species

Class 23 - Laeliinae

1. D Law Psh. cochleata 'Pepe' x 'Jules & Elaine'
2. C Polis L. purpurata var. anelata
3. FMusial&LChang C. jenmanii

Class 24 - Cyripedioideae

1. A Mobbs Paph. henryanum 'Wide Wings'
2. A&D Forster Paph. spicerianum 'Lilian'
3. D Law Paph. liemianum

Class 25 - Vandaceous

1. C Polis Phal. aphrodite
2. L&G Bromley Phal. tetraspis
3. L&G Bromley Phal. lindenii

Class 26 - Oncidiinae

1. L&G Bromley Onc. trulliferum
2. S McIlwain Onc. spectabilis 'Big Ben'
3. L&G Bromley Onc. planilabre 'Christina'

Class 27 - Dendrobium

1. D Law Den. bullenianum
2. P&J D'Olier Den. fasiferum
3. J Gafa Den. bullenianum

Class 27A - Bulbophyllum

1. S-Harden&Cullinan Bulb. septemtrionale
2. P&JD'Olier Bulb. biflorum

Class 28 - Australian Native Dendrobium

1. L&P Au Den. bigibbum
2. C Polis Den. bigibbum 'Lesley'
3. A Mobbs Den. bigibbum var. compactum

Class 29 - Australian Native Other

1. C Polis *Phal. rosenstromii*
2. D Law *Lip. reflexa*
3. C Polis *Phal. rosenstromii*

Class 30 – Miniature flowers

1. C Polis *Sns. micrantha*
2. C Polis *Max. cerifera*
3. S-Harden&Cullinan *Pleuro. tuerckheimii*

Class 31 - American Species Other

1. RG Blaxland *Max. nigrescens* 'Kindred'
2. J Portelli *Xyl. squalens*
3. D Law *Gga. galeata*

Class 32 - Pleurothallidinae

1. P&J D'Olier *Pleuro. polifero*
2. P&J D'Olier *Ste. papaquerensis*

Class 32A - Coeogyninae

1. J Robinson *Coel. speciosa* 'Occy'
2. RG Blaxland *Ddc. cobbianum* 'Phils'
3. P&J D'Olier *Ddc. magnum*

Class 33 - Species not elsewhere specified

1. FMusial&LChang *Cym. erythrostylum* var. *alba*
2. P&J D'Olier *Jum. cormorensis*
3. D Law *Cym. dayanum*

Novice Classes

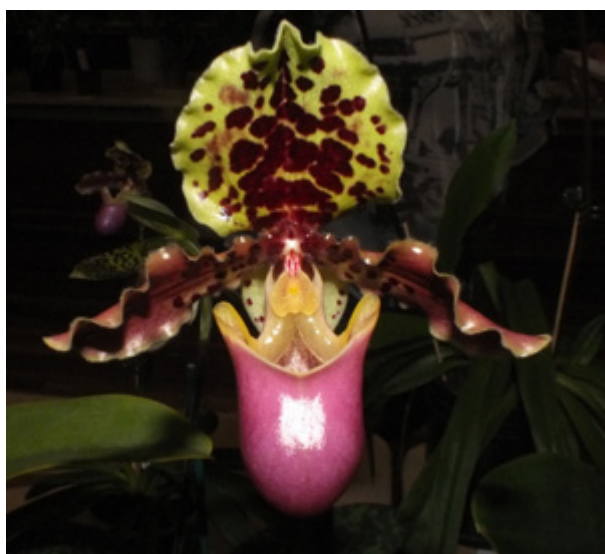
Class 42 - Australian Native Hybrid

1. L Dabbs *Den. bigibbum*

Class 44 - All Other Species

1. L Dabbs *Bubl. hirundinis*

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Paph. henryanum 'Wide Wings' (A Mobbs)



Paph. sukhakulii (A&D Forster)



Paph. Rothchildianum x *James Bacon* x *Tokyo* 'Black Knight'
(C Scott-Harden & A Cullinan)



Den. Green Ardang (D Law)