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Orchid News

Next meeting: 27 July

**** Membership Fees due 1st July - see details Page 2 ****

HYBRID OF THE NIGHT

Rth. Topaz Celebration 'Florid' (FMusial&L Chang)



SPECIES OF THE NIGHT

Neolehmannia porpax (C Polis)



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello from winter at the desk. So what's news this month? Society shows are in full swing, many excellent shows revealing so many superbly grown orchids. Just this week the Campbelltown Society show produced 2 plants which have been awarded, an ACE for culture and a FCC (First Class Certificate – awarded for superior quality). Congratulations to the owner and to all of you who work to produce floral spectacles in shopping centres and other venues...all showcasing our strive for excellence and perhaps recruiting a few new members to our fold.

Speaking of 'New members' I'd like to thank those societies who took the time to reply to my appeal for suggestions about strategies used to attract new members to our societies and the methods you use to 'keep them interested'. Christine, our wonderful secretary, has collated your information into a document which will be posted to our website under the title "How to attract new members" on the Affiliated Societies page.

Coming up: The National Cymbidium Extravaganza (including the annual Paphiopedilum show) is the next big show at Yagoona (The Arena Sports Club 7-9 August) followed just a week later by the St. Ives Fair (St Ives Showground 14-16 August)

AOC news: The Australian Orchid Council is currently undergoing some reorganisation and update, including a new website (still in progress) and consideration of the production and circulation of 'Orchids Australia' Did you provide input to the recent survey about the magazine?

AOC quarterly newsletter – Such a welcome source of info from the AOC (there have been 2 newsletters so far) designed to go to EVERY orchid lover, with general information about the AOC and a section advising the location and date of orchid shows nationally!

This newsletter was emailed to all society secretaries (for distribution to members) DID YOU SEE IT? Affiliated Soc secretaries - did you receive the AOC Quarterly newsletter? How did you distribute to your members? Not received? Is your contact email correct on the OSNSW website? Contact us for assistance....

Enjoy the shows

Veronica

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WHAT'S ON AT FUTURE MEETINGS

27 July: Ron Kaufmann (AOS) talk on conservation
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.

**AGENDA & NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 MONDAY 31 AUGUST, 2026**

1. Opening
2. Committee of Management Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Registrar's Report
5. Election of Officers. Nominations closed on 17th August. Nomination form available on the website (copy link and paste:

<https://orchidsocietytnsw.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/OfficeBearersNomForm.pdf>



Orchids Central 2026
Orchid Displays and Sales

Club Condell Park
 178 Eldridge Road, Bankstown
18 to 20 September 2026
 Friday and Saturday 9:30am - 4:00pm
 Sunday 9:30am - 2pm

**** 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 \$36.70 (Orchid News is normally emailed)
- If you require a receipt mailed to you please include \$1.70 in your payment.

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- Metro Member & 1st Yr (Incl. Name badge) \$43.00
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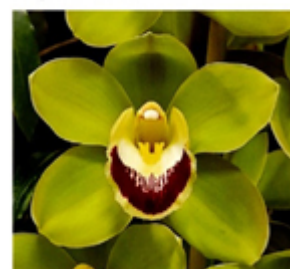
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2026 NATIONAL ORCHID EXTRAVAGANZA

Including a wonderful display of slipper orchids and sales by
 The Paphiopedilum Society of NSW

Friday 7th August to Sunday 9th August
 The Arena Sports Club
 140 Rookwood Road
 Yagoona NSW 2199

9am to 4pm Friday and Saturday
 9am to 3pm Sunday



St Ives Orchid Fair
'The Big One'



ST IVES SHOWGROUND
 Mona Vale Road, St Ives

Friday 14th August 2026 9 am to 4 pm
 Saturday 15th August 2026 9 am to 4 pm
 Sunday 16th August 2026 9 am to 3 pm

JUDGES ROSTER 2026

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

**Minutes of the Orchid Society of NSW General Meeting held on
Monday, 29 June 2026 at the Ermington Community Centre, River Rd., Ermington**

Opening: Tonight's meeting was declared open at 8.02pm by President Veronica Clowes who welcomed those present to the June 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.

Visitors: Christopher Czernecki, Zac Robertson, Neil Shaba

New Member(s): Nil

Apologies: Adrian Zderic, Seong Tay, Craig Scott-Harden, Alonya Cullinan, Lesley Bromley, Anthony Mobbs, Frank de Zotti, Alan Baker, Jan Robinson

Confirmation of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 25 May 2026 were confirmed as a true account of that meeting. Proposed by Christine Rethers and seconded by Lynn Dabbs, approved.

Matters Arising: Nil

General Business

- Public Liability Insurance renewal complete - Certificate of Currency is available on our website for download by those affiliates who take their insurance through us.
- Supper assistance for tonight. Thanks go to Antonina Forster, Linda Chang and Joe Portelli for assisting with supper. Thanks also to those who contributed goodies.
- Tonight's Special Plant is: *Onc. sotoanum*
- Affiliated Societies Photo competition: 2025/26 competition is just about closed. Photos should have been sent to Ian as soon as they were taken. 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 cut-off is 30 June 2026 (tomorrow) but Ian will accept photos up to Friday, 10th July.
- Ira Butler Trophy: Entries for the 2026/27 competition should be sent to the secretary of the competition (Irene Chalmers). Ian Chalmers advised that the results of the 2025/26 competition are under review. Details may be found on the following website: <https://irabutlertrophy.org.au/>.
- Orchids Out West – Another successful show, congratulations to the organisers and volunteers.
- Orchids Central (18-20 September, Club Condell Park, 178 Eldridge St. Condell Park). Preparations now well under way. Vendors are secured, volunteer recruitment underway. The Facebook page has around 1,000 followers.
- OSNSW Summer Orchid Festival (December 4-6, Georges Hall Community Centre). Second meeting of organising committee soon, event in recess.
- The Mingara society held their 2026 Show at the Mingara Recreation Club in Tumby Umbi this last weekend. A very good show, wonderful displays and hugely successful (2000 visitors on the Saturday alone!) Congrats to all the beautiful workers on the NSW Central Coast.
- Coming up is the National Cymbidium Extravaganza 7-9 August at Yagoona. (and including the Annual Paphiopedilum Show)
- Sales Table: The Sales table is now in operation and the President asked members to please consider bringing their excess plants for us to sell. Jane D'Olier was tonight's helper.
- AOC News – Peter D'Olier will report after the next AOC BOM meeting on 11/7/26. All societies have been sent the second quarterly newsletter for distribution to their members.

Treasurer's Report

As at 17 May 2026: Cheque account balances as at 14 June 2026: total \$21,661.71. Term deposit balances at Westpac: \$146,116.52

Registrar's Report

Training : The course is going well and has the highest retention rate of any course run over the past 30 years and has produced more associate judges. The course is continuous and students can do the exam when they are ready.

State Meeting : This was held on 21 June with a good of attendance in person and on Zoom.

Awards – Certificates handed out tonight:

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| • <i>Paph.</i> Booth's Sand Lady 'TJ' | Chin Wong | AM |
| • <i>Chiloschista lunifera</i> 'Michelle' | J Cass | HCC |
| • <i>Paph.</i> Wyruna Vietnam Magic 'Robbo' | J Robinson | AM |
| • <i>Aerangis harioitiana</i> 'Wirra Willa' | G Stewart | ACM |

Meeting Speakers

June - Arthur Chadwick will talk on cattleyas.

July - I have asked Ron Kaufmann (AOS) talk on conservation

Overseas speakers open to members outside the metro area – two requests but neither followed up.

Supper was served.

Speaker – Arthur Chadwick gave an interesting and well-illustrated talk on the most influential of the species cattleyas. In his talk he highlighted his background over the several generations of orchid growers in his family and showed how the species cattleyas formed a large part of the growing plants in his nurseries in present times. In early days, these orchids were used primarily as cut flowers, especially for ladies' corsages. Arthur has exhibited at the Chelsea Flower Show in London as well as at shows in the USA. He noted that he uses clay pots and sphagnum moss for growing his plants. Of interest was the fact that 'orchid boarding' was prevalent in the USA at a cost of \$2 per plant per month!

Best species: *Neolehmannia porpax* owned by Cary Polis

Best Hybrid: *Rth.* Topaz Celebration 'Florid' owned by Frank Musial and Linda Chang

Lucky Exhibitor: Ian and Irene Chalmers

Congratulations to our winners this evening.

The raffle was then drawn. The prize winners were: Cary Polis, Sharon McIlwain (2), Linda Chang, Christopher Czernecki and Jean Fulcher.

The meeting was then declared closed at 9.50pm by Veronica who thanked the members for their attendance and wished everybody a safe trip home.

Society Shows for July - December 2026

July	Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society	18-19	Soldiers Club, Beach Road, Batemans Bay
	Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society	18-19	Flower Power Garden Centre, 84A Wentworth Ave Mascot
	Central Coast-Hunter Region Cymbidium Society	18-19	Outside Spotlight, Home Centre, Cnr Bryant Drive & Wyong Rd Tuggerah
	Bankstown Orchid Society	23-25	Lidcombe Shopping Centre
	Hawkesbury District Orchid Society	23-25	Richmond Market Place, March St Richmond
	Cumberland Orchid Circle	30-1Aug	Grove Square Shopping Centre, Baulkham Hills
August	Campbelltown Orchid Society	6-9	Narellan Town Centre, 326 Camden Valley Way Narellan
	Manly Warringah Orchid Society	7-9	Belrose Home Co, Lvl 1, 4-6 Niangala Close Belrose
	National Orchid Extravaganza	7-9	The Arena Sports Club, 140 Rookwood Rd Yagoona
	Sapphire Coast Orchid Club	7-8	Twyford Hall, 16 Market St, Merimbula
	St Ives Orchid Fair	14-16	St Ives Showground, St Ives
	Western Suburbs Orchid Society	19-23	Ashfield Mall
	Manning River Orchid Society	21-22	Uniting church Auditorium, 29 Albert St Taree
	Fairfield Orchid Society	27-29	Bonnyrigg Plaza, 100 Bonnyrigg Ave Bonnyrigg
	Tweed District Orchid Society	28-29	Jessie McMillan Hall, 16 Wollumbin St Murwillumbah
Sept	Campbelltown Orchid Society	3-6	Narellan Town Centre, 326 Camden Valley Way Narellan
	Five Dock RSL Orchid Society	3-5	Leichhardt Marketplace 122-138 Flood St, Leichhardt
	Nambucca Valley Orchid Society Spring Show	3-5	11 Kent St Nambucca Heads
	Hawkesbury District Orchid Society	3-5	Richmond Market Place, March St Richmond
	Cumberland Orchid Circle	3-5	Winston Hills Mall, Winston Hills
	Revesby Workers Australian Native Orchid Club	5	Revesby Workers Club 2B Brett St Revesby
	Shoalhaven Orchid Society	5	Bomaderry Community Centre, 17 Birriley St Bomaderry
	Maitland & Coalfields Orchid Society	5-6	Morpeth School of Arts, 110 High St Morpeth
	Batemans Bay orchid & Foliage Society	5-7	Soldiers Club, Beach Road, Batemans Bay

Sept	City of Lismore Orchid Society	10-12	Lismore Central Shopping Centre
	North Shore Orchid Society	10-12	St Ives Shopping Village, Mona Vale Rd St Ives
	Eastwood & District Orchid Society	10-12	Eastwood Shopping Centre 152-160 Rowe St Eastwood
	Sapphire Coast Orchid Club	11-12	Tathra Surf Life Saving Club, 6 Andy Poole Drive Tathra
	Southern Highlands Orchid Society	12	Mittagong RSL Club
	Byron & District Orchid Society	11-12	Mullumbimby Ex Services Club, Dalley St Mullumbimby
			Woolooware Shore Retirement Village, 2-28 Alexander Ave Taren Point
	Sutherland Shire Orchid Society	11-12	
	Illawarra District Orchid Society	12	Warilla Senior Citizens Hall, Benaud Cres, Warilla
	Milton Ulladulla Orchid Society	12-13	Ulladulla Civic Centre, Princes Highway, Ulladulla
	Camden Haven Orchid Society	12-13	Laurieton United Services Club, Seymour St Laurieton
	Blue Mountains & Penrith District Orchid Society	12-13	
	Mingara Orchid Club	12-13	Melrose Hall, Cnr Gt Western Hwy & Park St Emu Plains
	Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society	17-19	Anglican Church, Cnr Eastern Rd & Brooke Ave Bateau Bay
	Orchids Central	18-20	Soldiers Club, Beach Road, Batemans Bay
	Manly Warringah Orchid Society	18-20	Club Condell Park, 178 Eldridge St Condell Park
	Woodburn/Evans Head & District Orchid & Foliage Society Inc.	18-20	Belrose Home Co, Lvl 1, 4-6 Niangala Close Belrose
	Canberra Orchid Society Spring Show	19-20	Woodburn Memorial Hall, River St Woodburn
			Fitzroy Pavilion, Exhibition Park, Canberra
	Eurobodalla Orchid Club	19-20	Narooma Leisure Centre, Cnr Princes Hwy & Blue Water Dr Narooma
	Blacktown City Orchid Society	19-21	Seven Hills Shopping Place, 224 Prospect Highway Seven Hills
	Casino Orchid Society	25-26	St Mark's Hall, Cnr West & Barker Sts Casino
	Wagga Wagga Orchid Society	26-27	Glenfield Community Centre, Tanda Place, Glenfield
	Macleay & District Orchid Society Inc	25-26	Macleay Showground
October	Maitland & Coalfields Orchid Society	1-2	Thornton Shopping Centre, Thomas Coke Dr & Taylor Ave Thornton
	Campbelltown Orchid Society	8-11	Macarthur Square, 200 Gilchrist Drive Campbelltown
	Revesby Workers Australian Native Orchid Club	10	Revesby Workers Club 2B Brett St Revesby
			West Pennant Hills Community Church, 41-43 Eaton Rd West Pennant Hills
	S.P.E.C.I.E.S. Auction & Show	10	
	Shoalhaven Orchid Society	17	Bomaderry Community Centre, 17 Birriley St Bomaderry
	Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society	17-18	Soldiers Club, Beach Road, Batemans Bay
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December			Georges Hall Community Centre Hall, 188 Birdwood Rd
	Summer Orchid Festival	4-6	Georges Hall



GRAND CHAMPION AT MINGARA ORCHID FAIR & SHOW

Loretta & Paul Au with *Cymbidium Bridal Cascade*



BENCHING RESULTS JUNE 2026

Best Hybrid: F Musial & L Chang *Rth. Topaz Celebration 'Florid'*

Best Species: C Polis *Neolehmannia porpax*

Open Classes - Hybrids

Class 1 - Cymbidium

1. FMusial&LChang *Cym. Pharaeoh's Gold x One Tree Hill*
2. P&J D'Olier *Cym. Arachnid*
3. I&I Chalmers *Cym. unknown*

Class 3 - Laeliinae 120mm and over

1. C Polis *B/c. Mem. Victoria Kain 'Fascination'*
2. S McIlwain *B/c. Pamela Hetherington 'Coronation'*
3. FMusial&LChang *R/c. Sebastian Scalia x Topaz Georgie Girl*

Class 4 - Laeliinae Cluster (min 5 Flowers)

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

Class 5 - Laeliinae (71mm - 119mm)

1. J Gafa *C. Dal's Beau*
2. I&I Chalmers *C. unknown*
3. L&G Bromley *C. Royal Beau 'Dendi'*

Class 6 - Laeliinae Miniature (up to 70mm)

1. C Wong *C. Shinfong Jewel 'Red Dragon'*
2. FMusial&LChang *Ctt. Dal's Good One 'Janelle'*
3. C Polis *Sga. Yokosuka Story 'Little Oriole'*

Class 7 - Paphiopedilum Classical Shape

1. D Law *Paph. Saturday Night x Village Passport*
2. A&D Forster *Paph. Golddollar x malipoense*
3. D Law *Paph. Mount Robax 'Magic Mood'*

Class 8 - Paphiopedilum Maudae Shape

1. I&I Chalmers *Paph. Shur-Fa Weber Flag*

Class 8a - Cyripedioideae Other

1. B Wong *Paph. Goya*
2. B Wong *Paph. In-Charms Gold x Yi-Ying Color Clouds*
3. D Law *Paph. Nitens*

Class 9 - Specimen Orchid

1. C Polis *Neolehmannia porpax*
2. C Polis *Max. schunkeana*

Class 10 - Terrestrial Species/Hybrid any genera

1. L&P Au *Ptst. curta*
2. A&D Forster *Ptst. repanda*
3. C Polis *Ptst. nutans*

Class 11 - Seedling any hybrid genera

1. M Drury *Den. Alick Dockrill 'Moonlight Dancer' x Starsheen 'Botanic Fireworks'*
2. I&I Chalmers *Den. Light Delight*
3. M Drury *Den. Brimbank Sunset 'Journey' x Cosmic Gold 'Sandy'*

Class 14 - Phalaenopsis (up to 50mm)

1. FMusial&LChang *Phal. unkown*

Class 15 - Vandaceous (up to 50mm)

1. M Drury *V. Princess Mikasa Blue*

Class 17 - Dendrobium

1. L&P Au *Den. Fire Wings*
2. L&P Au *Den. Excelsa x shiraishii*
3. I&I Chalmers *Den. Yoga Victoria*

Class 18 - Oncidiinae (> 61mm)

1. FMusial&LChang *Brsdm. Golden Gamine 'White Knight'*
2. M Drury *Wils. Eye Candy 'Pinkie'*
3. B Wong *Pyp. Mendenhall 'Hildos'*

Class 19A - Oncidiinae (up to 35mm)

1. J Gafa *Onc. Twinkle 'Red Fantasy'*
2. J Gafa *Onc. Tsiku Marguerite 'Hof'*
3. J Gafa *Onc. Gold Dust 'Rusty'*

Class 20A- Australian Native Hybrids Other

1. I&I Chalmers *Den. Warringah*
2. L&P Au *Den. Esme Poulton*
3. I&I Chalmers *Den. Warringah*

Class 22 - Hybrid Not Elsewhere Specified

1. D Law *Bulb. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'*
2. I&I Chalmers *Lyc. Alan Salzman 'Bordeaux'*
3. I&I Chalmers *Lyc. Abber Miro*

Open Classes - Species

Class 23 - Laeliinae

1. P&J D'Olier *L. anceps*
2. C Polis *L. anceps 'Goodstuff'*
3. L&G Bromley *Isa. violacea*

Class 24 - Cyripedioideae

1. D Law *Paph. villosum var. annamense*
2. C Wong *Paph. sukhahkulii*
3. D Law *Paph. liemianum*

Class 25 - Vandaceous

1. B Wong *Phal. celebensis*
2. L&G Bromley *Rhy. gigantea 'Lesley'*
3. B Wong *Phal. tetraspis 'C1'*

Class 26 - Oncidiinae

1. J Gafa *Onc. sotoanum*
2. L&P Au *Onc. sotoanum*
3. C Polis *Milt. candida*

Class 27 - Dendrobium

1. C Polis *Den. bracteosum*
2. P&J D'Olier *Den. bracteosum*
3. C Polis *Den. bracteosum*

Class 27A - Bulbophyllum

1. A&D Forster *Bulb. lasiochilum*
2. C Polis *Bulb. purpurascens*

Class 29 - Australian Native Other

1. I&I Chalmers *Cad. taylorii*

Class 30 - Miniature flowers

1. P&J D'Olier *E. boothiana*
2. I&I Chalmers *Ddc. sp*
3. J Portelli *Den. rosellum*

Class 31 - American Species Other

1. FMusial&LChang *W. amazonica*
2. I&I Chalmers *Ctsm. expansum*
3. I&I Chalmers *Max. schunkeana*

Class 32 - Pleurothallidinae

1. I&I Chalmers *Pths. prolifera*

Class 32A - Coelogyninae etc.

1. P&J D'Olier *Coel. septemcostata*
2. P&J D'Olier *Coel. longiarchis*
3. FMusial&LChang *Coel. speciosa*

Class 33 - Species not elsewhere specified

1. FMusial&LChang *Cym. erythraeum* 'Paradise'
2. J Gafa *Cal. vestita* 'William Murray'
3. D Law *Cym. iridioides*

Novice Classes

Class 40- Laeliinae hybrid

1. L Dabbs (Lc. Tokyo Magix x Blc. Guess What)
x Pot. Little Toshie
2. L Dabbs *Rth. Aureate* 'Topaz'

Class 43- Australian Native Species

1. L Dabbs *Den. aemulum*

A SELECTION OF BENCHED PLANTS JUNE 2026



Ddc. javierae (C Polis)



Onc. Gold Dust 'Rusty' (J Gafa)



Onc. Twinkle 'Red Fantasy' (J Gafa)



Onc. Tsiku Marguerite 'HOF' (J Gafa)