

ORCHIDS CENTRAL 2026

**Club Condell Park
178 Eldridge Road,
Bankstown**



Glossodia major
(Image Jim Cootes)

SHOW SCHEDULE

ORGANISING SOCIETIES

The Orchid Society of NSW
Bankstown Orchid Society
Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society
Fairfield Orchid Society
Five Dock RSL Orchid Society

Show Set Up from 10.00am Thursday 17th Sept 2026
Judging Commencing 6.45pm Thursday 17th Sept 2026

Show Opening

Friday 18th September – 9.30am to 4.00pm
Saturday 19th September – 9.30am to 4.00pm
Sunday 20th September – 9.30am to 2.00pm

Contact: Show Marshall – Jan Robinson on
0412 566 722 or email orchids_central@mail.com

DISPLAY CLASSES AND APPEARANCE MONEY

Class 1 – Floor Wall/Island display of approx. 9 sqm (approx. 3m x 3m) (Class 1 available to Societies only)	\$400
Class 2 – Floor Wall/Island display of approx. 6 sqm (approx. 2.5m x 2.5m or 3m x 2m)	\$300
Class 3 – Floor Wall/Island Display of approx. 4 sqm (approx. 2m x 2m) or Table Top of 3 tables	\$200
Class 4 – Floor Wall/Island Display of approx. 1-3 sqm or Table Top of 2 tables	\$100
Class 5 – Table Top of 1 table	\$75
Class 6 – Group of 4 Orchids	\$30

All displays will be judged using the following criteria:

Design, Appearance & Presentation Visual impact of plants without crowding, allowing access to plants for judging. Placement of prominent plants and pleasing arrangement of colours	35 pts
Genera 1 point per genus up to 5 points	5 pts
Quality of Orchids Overall quality of plants including freshness of flowers	20 pts
Variety of Colour Orchids only to be considered	15 pts
Finishing Pots and equipment should not be visible	15 pts
Ticketing Style – Tickets should be unobtrusive and legible. Names – Should have correct nomenclature	5 pts 5 pts

Display Judging – Key Features of a Display (*OSNSW Judging Manual*)

Plants shall be arranged to create a visual impact. Colour, variety, balance and proportion combine to give overall harmony to the display. Ideally each of the colour groups - e.g. red, white, yellow etc - shall be within the display. Balance and proportion shall be achieved by distributing plants, sizes and colour throughout the display.

The placement of large groups of the same size or colour plants would naturally cause an imbalance. Outstanding plants shall be featured in a prominent position making them a focal point. Over-crowding as well as large gaps shall be avoided. All plants within the display shall be accessible to enable independent viewing.

Foliage plants, such as ferns, may be used to fill gaps between the plants and to hide the pots. These plants shall enhance the display by being softly integrated within the display. Brightly coloured foliage may dominate the display and should generally be avoided as the focal point may be shifted from the orchid flowers.

Plants within the display shall be clearly labelled so the name of the plant can be read by interested people from a distance of several metres. Labels shall be unobtrusive; brightly coloured labels become a dominate feature of the display and should be avoided.

CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZES

Champion Society Display	Sanders Bowl
Best In Show <i>Sponsored by The Orchid Society Of NSW</i>	\$100 and Sash
Grand Champion Hybrid of the Show <i>Sponsored by Rolin Orchids</i>	\$150 and Sash
Grand Champion Species of the Show <i>Sponsored by Rolin Orchids</i>	\$150 and Sash
Champion Australian or Australasian Species (Free entry Bill Murdoch or Herman Slade Nomination) <i>Sponsored by The Orchid Society of NSW</i>	\$50 and Sash
Champion Australian or Australasian Hybrid (Free entry Ira Butler or Herman Slade Nomination) <i>Sponsored by Kings Nursery</i>	\$50 and Sash
Champion Cymbidium Hybrid <i>Sponsored by The Orchid Place</i>	\$50 and Sash
Champion Monopodial Hybrid <i>Sponsored by Bankstown Orchid Society Inc.</i>	\$50 and Sash
Champion Laeliinae Hybrid <i>Sponsored by Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society</i>	\$50 and Sash
Champion Cyripedioideae Hybrid <i>Sponsored by Nicky Zurcher and Nicky's Slippers</i>	\$50 and Sash
Champion Dendrobium Hybrid <i>Sponsored by Five Dock RSL Orchid Society Inc.</i>	\$50 and Sash
Champion Orchid Hybrid any Other Genera <i>Sponsored by Trenear Printing</i>	\$50 and Sash
Champion Species - Americas <i>Sponsored by Veronica Clowes</i>	\$50 and Sash
Champion Species - Other <i>Sponsored by Veronica Clowes</i>	\$50 and Sash
Best Specimen of the Show <i>Sponsored by The Orchid Society of NSW</i>	\$100 and Sash
Champion Seedling <i>Sponsored by Kathy Koutsoukis & Fedora Pristov</i>	\$50 and Sash
Champion Orchid by Novice or Junior <i>Sponsored by Fairfield Orchid Society</i>	\$50 and Sash

SHOW CLASSES

Class	Description	First	Second
	AUSTRALIAN & AUSTRALASIAN ORCHIDS - SPECIES		
	Australian Native Species Orchid – to be nominated		
1	<i>Dendrobium kingianum</i>	\$10	\$5
2	Other Dendrobium excluding terete leaf types	\$10	\$5
3	Terete leaf type	\$10	\$5
4	Sarcanthinae	\$10	\$5
5	Terrestrial	\$10	\$5
6	Any other Australian species	\$10	\$5
	Australasian Species Orchid– to be nominated		
7	Dendrobium other than terete leaf types	\$10	\$5
8	Terete leaf type	\$10	\$5
9	Any other Australasian species	\$10	\$5
	AUSTRALIAN & AUSTRALASIAN ORCHIDS - HYBRIDS		
	Australian Native Hybrid Orchid – to be nominated		
10	Dendrobium other than terete leaf types	\$10	\$5
11	Terete leaf type	\$10	\$5
12	Terrestrial	\$10	\$5
13	Sarcanthinae – predominantly pink/red	\$10	\$5
14	Sarcanthinae – any other colour	\$10	\$5
15	Any other	\$10	\$5
	Australasian Orchids Hybrids – to be nominated		
16	Dendrobium other than terete leaf types	\$10	\$5
17	Terete leaf type	\$10	\$5
18	Any other	\$10	\$5
	EXOTIC HYBRIDS		
	Cymbidium Hybrids		
19	Cymbidium over 85mm any colour	\$10	\$5
20	Cymbidium over 60mm up to and including 85mm any colour	\$10	\$5
21	Cymbidium up to and including 60mm any colour	\$10	\$5
22	Novelty Cymbidium any size and colour	\$10	\$5
	Monopodial Hybrids – Phalaenopsis		
23	Classical Shape Predominantly White or pink over 75mm	\$10	\$5
24	Classical Shape Any other colour over 75mm	\$10	\$5
25	Classical Shape Predominantly White and Pink over 50mm up to and including 75mm	\$10	\$5
26	Classical Shape Any other colour over 50mm up to and including 75mm	\$10	\$5
27	Miniature Type any colour up to and including 50mm	\$10	\$5
28	Any other type	\$10	\$5

Class	Description	First	Second
	Monopodial (Vandaceous) Hybrids – Other		
29	Monopodial (Vandaceous) hybrids over 50mm	\$10	\$5
30	Monopodial (Vandaceous) hybrids up to and including 50mm	\$10	\$5
	Laeliinae Hybrids		
31	Exhibition Type - over 115mm any colour	\$10	\$5
32	Intermediate Type - 71 mm up to and including 115m – Predominantly Lavender, Mauve or Pink	\$10	\$5
33	Intermediate Type - 71 mm up to and including 115mm – Predominantly Yellow or orange	\$10	\$5
34	Intermediate Type - 71 mm up to and including 115mm – Any other colour	\$10	\$5
35	Miniature Type up to and including 70 mm – Predominantly Lavender, Mauve or Pink	\$10	\$5
36	Miniature Type up to and including 70 mm – Predominantly Yellow or Orange	\$10	\$5
37	Miniature Type up to and including 70 mm – Any other colour	\$10	\$5
38	Cluster Type – minimum 5 flowers	\$10	\$5
39	Novelty shape – Any size and colour	\$10	\$5
	Cypripedioideae Hybrids		
40	Parvisepalum/Brachysepalum Type	\$10	\$5
41	Maudiae Type – coloratum / albanistic	\$10	\$5
42	Maudiae Type – vinicolor	\$10	\$5
43	Multifloral and sequential	\$10	\$5
44	Other Paphiopedilum	\$10	\$5
45	Other Cypripedioideae	\$10	\$5
	Dendrobium Hybrids		
46	Soft Cane Type – Predominately White	\$10	\$5
47	Soft Cane Type – Predominately Pink/Mauve/Purple	\$10	\$5
48	Soft Cane Type – Predominately Yellow/Orange/Gold	\$10	\$5
49	Soft Cane Type – Any other colour	\$10	\$5
50	Other (excluding Australasian)	\$10	\$5
	Other Hybrids		
51	Pleurothallidinae	\$10	\$5
52	Oncidiinae up to and including 60mm	\$10	\$5
53	Oncidiinae exceeding 60mm	\$10	\$5
54	Any other	\$10	\$5
	EXOTIC SPECIES		
	Exotic Species Americas – <i>To be nominated</i>		
55	Cattleya over 60mm	\$10	\$5
56	Cattleya up to and including 60mm	\$10	\$5
57	Other Laeliinae	\$10	\$5

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58	Oncidiinae	\$10	\$5
59	Pleurothallidinae – Dracula and Masdevallia	\$10	\$5
60	Other Pleurothallidinae	\$10	\$5
61	Other Americas species	\$10	\$5
62	Miniature (Flowers 15mm or less across the widest part of the flower & inflorescence < 200mm between the first and last flowers)	\$10	\$5
	Exotic Species Cypripedioideae – <i>To be nominated</i>		
63	Parvisepalum	\$10	\$5
64	Section Paphiopedilum / Sigmatopetalum	\$10	\$5
65	Multifloral / sequential flowering	\$10	\$5
66	Other paphiopedilum species	\$10	\$5
67	Other cypripedioideae species	\$10	\$5
	Exotic Species Other – <i>To be nominated</i>		
68	Monopodial	\$10	\$5
69	Dendrobium (excluding Australasian)	\$10	\$5
70	Bulbophyllinae	\$10	\$5
71	Coelogyinae up to and including 20mm	\$10	\$5
72	Coelogyinae over 20mm	\$10	\$5
73	Other Exotic Species	\$10	\$5
74	Miniature (Flowers 15mm or less across the widest part of the flower & inflorescence < 200mm)	\$10	\$5
	SEEDLING – <i>Must be Nominated</i>		
75	Australian or Australasian Native Hybrid Seedling	\$10	\$5
76	Cymbidium Seedling	\$10	\$5
77	Monopodial Seedling	\$10	\$5
78	Laeliinae Seedling	\$10	\$5
79	Cypripedioideae Seedling	\$10	\$5
80	Dendrobium Seedling	\$10	\$5
81	Pleurothallidinae Seedling	\$10	\$5
82	Seedling Not Otherwise Specified	\$10	\$5
	NOVICE – <i>Must be Nominated</i>		
83	Cymbidium	\$10	\$5
84	Australian or Australasian Native Species or Hybrid	\$10	\$5
85	Laeliinae	\$10	\$5
86	Species Orchid	\$10	\$5
87	Orchid Hybrid Not Otherwise Specified	\$10	\$5
	JUNIOR – <i>Must be Nominated</i> Orchids exhibited by a junior grower aged 17 years or under at the date of exhibiting		
88	Best Orchid	\$10	\$5

Show Rules

1. All entries are free and open to financial members of the Orchid Society of N.S.W. Inc., and its affiliated societies and others invited to exhibit by the Orchids Central Committee.
2. Entries are received upon the basis that the Orchids Central Committee, its sponsors and the venue owner, while taking all reasonable care, shall not be responsible for any loss, destruction or damage to such exhibits and the exhibitor shall have no claim against the Orchids Central Committee, its sponsors or the venue owner.
3. All plants exhibited are accepted on condition that they are pest and disease free. The decision of the Show Marshal or the Show Committee shall be final.
4. Plants competing for prizes shall have been owned and in the possession of the exhibitor for the preceding six months.
5. The Show Marshal and/or their representative reserves the right to reject or remove any exhibit without giving any reason for that action and may reclassify any plant, if necessary, prior to judging. Extra classes may be created at the discretion of the Show Marshal or Show Committee.
6. All plants shall be in position ready for judging by 4.00 pm on the day of judging.
7. Exhibitors may use ferns and/or foliage plants to embellish exhibits. Such plants are not considered in judging except for their decorative effect in displays. No flower or fruit other than Orchids may be used in any display.
8. Entries are eligible for judging in one class only, except seedlings and specimens.
9. Entries in Seedling, Novice and Junior classes MUST be nominated in order to be judged, the nominations submitted to the Show Marshal by 4.00 pm on the day of judging.
10. Nominations for entries in the other classes required in the Schedule to be nominated, must be submitted to the Show Marshal by 4.00 pm on the day of judging. Please note, the Judges have discretion to award prizes to entries in these classes that are not nominated.
11. Judging shall be by a panel of Judges nominated by the O.S.N.S.W. Registrar and shall be in accordance with the rules as set out by the Show Committee and/or the standards and by-laws laid down by the O.S.N.S.W. Inc. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
12. If in the opinion of the Judges no exhibit in any class warrants a prize, none will be given.
13. Initial results are tentative until all results are collated and finalized.
14. SEEDLING shall mean the plant grown from seed and flowered for the first time. Mericlones and plants that have been divided prior to being exhibited are not eligible as seedlings. Judging for Champions will include relevant seedlings. The Champion seedling is not to be considered for Grand Champion unless it has already won the Champion in its class.
15. Staking shall be in accordance with the rules of OSNSW. i.e. flowers may be supported in the best possible manner for presentation. This supporting should be in such a manner so as not to be obtrusive and distract from the overall beauty and charm of the plant. Single flowered genera eg *Paphiopedilum*, *Lycaste*, etc., ties or support shall be no higher than immediately below the ovary. Spikes may be tied below the first flower. Branching spikes may be staked below the last branch. Where staking does not meet the above, the judges are permitted to penalise, or temporarily remove, such tie for the purpose of judging.
16. No displays are to include any water.
17. Any exhibitor, including vendors, shall not remove plants, an exhibit or part thereof before the end of the show, without the prior permission of the Show Marshal or Show Committee.
18. The Show Committee reserves the right to photograph, for its own purposes, any exhibit in the show.
19. The Show Committee reserves the right to add classes and vary the rules where warranted.
20. Display representatives must be available at or near 9.30am on the Friday of the Show to assist completion of documentation of judging results.