



Happy New Year!!!

Next Meeting

**Monday 9th January
2023**

*Activity – member's
popular vote on the
hybrid and species
winners benched
during 2022*

Note - please ensure you sign our attendance book on entry to the meeting hall.

Use of hand sanitiser, masks and social distancing is highly encouraged.

Thank-you for your continued support of our Covid safe practises.



Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

Bulletin – January 2023

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The Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc. was founded in 1952 and is dedicated to the promotion, development and encouragement of a general interest and understanding of all aspects of orchid culture.

Monthly Meetings -

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Uniting Church Hall, corner Flora and Merton Streets, Sutherland @ 8pm, doors open 7pm. Visitors are always welcome. (please arrive by 7.45pm to check in)

President: Rhonda Jackson

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Treasurer: Margaret Spring

Committee: Murray Aldridge, Diane Phillips, Melissa Karayannis, Jenny Sharpham. (Committee meets 1st Wed. monthly except January, Club on East, Sutherland @ 7.30pm)

Life Members: Murray Aldridge, Wal & Janette Chapman, Jan Robinson, Bob Moar, Col Brandon, Audrey Marks.

Bulletin / Website: David Hicks / Rhonda Jackson

Member Contributions – to have your 'Photos @ Home' or written articles included in the Bulletin, please send to: davehicks@outlook.com.au (prior to 24th of each month)

The Society's **Covid-19 Safety Action Plan** is available at:
<https://ssos.org.au/COVID-19Plan.pdf>

President's Message - Dear Members

I hope everyone enjoyed our December meeting where we had some supper, annual points awards and our giant raffle.

I wish to thank the Committee for their assistance in organizing the food and annual points prizes.

Congratulations to Vic Petrovski who was the annual points highest scorer, followed by Dimitri Mitsios who was second and Col Brandon who was third, and to all the other points scorers.

Wishing our members and families all the very best for the New Year.

With Best Wishes - Rhonda

Gary Hodder @ Home



Epicattleya 'Nebo'



L. purpurata var. tipo x. Lc. Irene Finney (first flowering seedling & 254mm across!)



Lc. Tokyo Magic 'Lea' x Pot. Free Spirit 'Laina Mutant'

Congratulations to our Trophy Winners for 2022
Presented at the December Meeting)

Annual Point Score



Winner – Vic Petrovski.

Rona Goudie Trophy



Winner – George Birss

(see page 8 for the full results of the 2022-point scores)



We are thinking of you and send our best wishes to all our Members who are currently recovering from recent health issues

REMINDER – Benching at Monthly Meetings

Due to ongoing issues, we ask that you please ensure you complete the plant booking in cards correctly with your Name, Plant Class, and Plant Name clearly written on the card!!

(and please do not remove your card, this needs to be collected)

*Our Judging Team do a wonderful job within a limited timeframe, and failure to complete all sections of the card correctly may result in your plant **not qualifying for a place and the associated points.***

December Benching



Monthly Judging Results – December 2022

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Winner Angulocaste Olympus 'Honey' D. Mitsios

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

Winner Angulocaste Olympus 'Honey' D. Mitsios

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

Winner Lycaste cruenta J. Robinson

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner L. purpurata var. carnea x L. 'do Crente' J. Chan

NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Dend. amabile S. Tropoulos

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Rodrumnia Hawaiian Magic x Tolumnia Capaloba Gold R. Cawley

Monthly Judging Results – December 2022

CLASS #	CLASS NAME	
CLASS # 3	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS	
1st	Den. adae 'John'	C. Brandon
2nd	Den. Goose Bumps "Calamiforme"	C. Brandon
3rd	Den. Jonathon's Glory 'Dark Joy'	G. Hodder
CLASS # 4	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (CLASSICAL SHAPE)	
1st	C. Only You	W. McEvoy
2nd	No card	
3rd	C. Memoria Zinka Milanov	V. Petrovski
4th	Rlc. Village Chief North 'Green Genius'	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 5	DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Den. Gatton Sunray	R. Cawley
2nd	Den. Mingle's Sapphire	R. Cawley
3rd	Den. chryseum	V. Petrovski
4th	Den. Nestor	P. Sanaphay
CLASS # 6	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (NON-CLASSICAL SHAPE & CLUSTER)	
1st	C. Florence Lin	G. Hodder
2nd	Epidendrum Comet Valley 'Yellow Star'	D. Mitsios
3rd	Blc. Mari's Glory 'H & R'	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 7	ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Rodrumnia Hawaiian Magic x Tol. Capaloba Gold	R. Cawley
2nd	Tolumnia Millbank Spots	R. Cawley
3rd	Tol. Private Stock x Rodumnia Hawaiian Magic	R. Cawley
4th	Brsdm. Goldne Gamine 'White Knight'	No name
CLASS # 8	CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Cym. Australian Midnight 'Black Beauty'	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 9	MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	Angulocaste Olympus 'Honey'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Mps Breathless 'Florence'	D. Mitsios
3rd	Masd Vin Rouge	J. Robinson
4th	Mps Red Tide	V. Petrovski

December Benching



Monthly Judging Results – December 2022 Cont'd

CLASS # 10	SPECIES COELOGYNAE	
1st	Coel. Flaccida	R. Jackson
CLASS # 11	SPECIES LAELIINAE	
1st	C. purpurata 'carnea x alba'	R. Cawley
2nd	C. purpurata 'Elias'	R. Cawley
3rd	Brassia 'unknown'	V. Petrovski
4th	Laelia purpurata 'werkhauseri x sanguinea'	G. Hodder
CLASS # 12	SPECIES ASIAN OTHER THAN COELOGYNAE	
1st	Bulbophyllum sumatranum	W. McEvoy
2nd	Den. officinale	J. Robinson
3rd	Den. hercoglossum	R. Cawley
4th	Den. chrysotoxum	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 13	SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN & LAELIINAE	
1st	Lycaste cruenta	J. Robinson
2nd	Maxillaria tenuifolia	J. Costa
3rd	Maxillaria tenuifolia	V. Petrovski
4th	Cuitlauzina pendula	J. Robinson
5th	Bifrenaria tyrianthina	J. Costa
	NOVICE CLASS	
CLASS # 16	NOVICE AUSTRALIAN NATIVES	
1st	Den. Amphion Apsis	A. O'Malley
2nd	Den. Virginia Jupp x dolichophyllum 'Fat Boy'	A. O'Malley
CLASS #17	NOVICE LAELIINAE	
1st	Blc. Taiwan Boy	S. Tropoulos
CLASS #18	NOVICE MISCELANEOUS	
1st	Mps Bert Field 'Leash'	S. Tropoulos
CLASS #19	NOVICE SPECIES	
1st	Den. amabile	S. Tropoulos
	INTERMEDIATE CLASS:	
CLASS # 20	INTERMEDIATE PAPHIOPEDILUM	
1st	Paph Golden Chalice x Santa Margarita	M. Karayannis
CLASS # 23	INTERMEDIATE LAELIINAE	
1st	Blc. Topaz Sublime 'Tall Ley' x Slc. Elizabeth Calov	M. Karayannis
2nd	Pot. Roy's Magic 'Janet' x Topaz Sublime	J. Ng
CLASS # 24	INTERMEDIATE MISCELLANEOUS	
1st	Onc. 'unknown'	M. Karayannis
2nd	Onc. 'unknown'	J. Hely
3rd	Odontocidium 'unknown'	J. Hely
CLASS # 25	INTERMEDIATE SPECIES	
1st	L. purpurata var carnea x L. 'do Crente'	J. Chan
2nd	L. purpurata v carnea x purpurata roxo v videta 'Aranda'	J. Ng
3rd	Bifrenaria tyrianthina	J. Hely

December Benching



Open Judges Choice Species exhibited by – J. Robinson



Lycaste cruenta

Open Judges Choice Hybrid + PON exhibited by – D. Mitsios



Angulocaste Olympus 'Honey'

Intermediate Judges Choice exhibited by – J. Chan



L. purpurata var. carnea x L. 'do Crente'

Novice Judges Choice exhibited by – S. Tropoulos



Dend. amabile

2nd – Open Class 6 Laeliinae Hybrids exhibited by – D. Mitsios



Epi. Comet Valley 'Yellow Star'

President's Choice exhibited by – R. Cawley



Rodrumnia Hawaiian Magic x Tol. Capaloba Gold

From the Bench in December

Courtesy – George Birss



Cuitlauzina pendula

Cuitlauzina pendula – exhibited by Jan Robinson

A species from Mexico, growing in well-lit locations, at elevations of 1400 to 2300m.

The 6cm oval pseudobulbs grow in dense clumps that become wrinkled with age, carry 2 greyish green lace shaped leaves. From the newly formed pseudobulbs leaf sheafs the pendulous inflorescence grow that can reach 30cm in length.

Opening along the inflorescence sweetly lemon scented 5cm flowers form. The flowers, usually white but can have a pinkish blush or pink streaks or spots. The kidney shaped lip is pale to bright pink has a yellow 'tooth' at the base.

Best grown in baskets to accommodate pendulous inflorescence, but I have found they really like small water well pots. They like bright light, good air movement, high humidity and let dry out between watering. They like a dry winter and spring until flowers set then plenty of water after flowers fall.



Maxillaria tenuifolia

Maxillaria tenuifolia – exhibited by John Costa

A native to Mexico and Central America, commonly referred to as the "coconut orchid" due to its highly scented coconut flowers. Found in rain forests from sea level to 1500 metres, it grows as a medium sized epiphyte sometimes terrestrial.

The small "bulbs" that make up the stem of tenuifolia are potential plants, for propagation, as under the sheaf that encase the bulb are small roots that can be planted out to establish new plants.

Single flowering inflorescence grow from the bulbs. The flowers last about 10 days and are deep red to pale red, they have yellow spots on the sepals. The lip is pale yellow with red spots.

Can be potted, they like water well pots, or can be mounted, preferable on tree fern. They like bright light, not direct sun. Low light will produce a scraggy plant. Water every second day in spring and summer, weekly in winter give high humidity.

The green strap like foliage makes an attractive plant when not in flower. This is a must for every orchid grower, very easy to care for, has few parasite problems and the scent is fantastic.



Dend. officinale

Dend. officinale - exhibited by Jan Robinson

Classed as endangered species, is native to SE Asia and has been used as a medicinal plant in China and other Asian countries.

The medicine is acquired by boiling the canes to made a tea and used as an antibiotic and cancer fighting qualities as well as a rheumatism cure. The species is now endangered due to over collecting.

A small growing epiphyte or lithophytes that grows on mossy limestone rocks at elevations of 1200 to 1600 metres has short canes that are from 10 to 30cm and are deciduous in Autumn.

Flowers are a variable green / yellow with red markings on the lip. Not easy to obtain and I have only ever seen 3 or 4 plants on the show bench.



Dend. Mingle's Sapphire

Dend. Mingle's Sapphire – exhibited by Robert Cawley

This is a primary hybrid registered by A. Millet in 1999.

Crossed between two Philippine species, *Dendrobium gonzalesii* X *Dendrobium victoria reginae*.

This plant produces nice long canes that become pendulous with amazing purple / blue and white flowers.

Once established this plant will give a great display that only gets better as the plant increases in size.

Can be grown in a pot but another that benefits from a water well pot but also goes great in a teak basket but keep the water up to it.



Lycaste cruenta

Lycaste cruenta – exhibited by Jan Robinson

A native to Central America growing at elevations of 1800 to 2400 metres.

A medium sized epiphyte or lithophyte, *cruenta's* longish oblong pseudobulbs have two spurs on top and several broad leaves.

The single flowers, triangular in shape, as the sepals are larger than the petals have a scent of spicy cinnamon to lemon or cloves.

The sepals are greenish/yellow with bright orange petals and labellum.

The flower stems come from the bottom of the pseudobulbs and can produce many from each growth.

They like high humidity, bright light and hate to dry out in growing period. After flowering they require a rest period.



Tolumnias – exhibited by Robert Cawley

There are about 20 species in this genus, but lately many, many hybrids have evolved to produce longer inflorescence, larger flowers and a bigger diversity and vibrancy of colours and to develop more hardy plants.

Originally from the Caribbean they grow as epiphytes and lithophytes in arid grasslands from sea level to 2000 metres. Most species are hard to keep alive for long periods.

In the wild they grow on twigs with their roots freely rambling to catch dew and rainwater then dry out in breezes.

A tip I was told by both David and John Woolfe was water early, never put to bed with wet roots.

They grow all of theirs either on mounts or in small, 40mm baskets attached to mounts with no medium.

I have now tried this method, after killing too many, and am now having success so far. Robert also follows this method with the plants (< LEFT) mounted.

Annual Point Score Results for 2022

Open		
1st + TROPHY	Petrovski V	256
2nd	Mitsios D	160
3rd	Brandon C	132
Intermediate		
1st	Jackson R	84
2nd	Nicol R	62
3rd	Cawley R	46
Novice		
1st	Ng J	73
2nd	Karayannis M	47
3rd	Spring M	22
CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVES SPECIES		
1st	Brandon C	40
2nd	Dimon R	18
3rd	Chapman W & J	10
CLASS # 2 PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS		
1st	Mitsios D	35
2nd	Petrovski V	18
3rd	Myers H	12
CLASS # 3 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS		
1st	Brandon C	59
2nd	Mitsios D	26
3rd	Robinson J	18
CLASS # 4 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (Classical Shape)		
1st	Petrovski V	45
2nd	McEvoy W	15
3rd	Hodder G	8
CLASS # 5 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS (Non Australian)		
1st	Petrovski V	44
2nd	Brandon C	20
3rd	Hodder G	5
CLASS # 6 LAELIINAE HYBRID (Non classic shape & cluster)		
1st	Petrovski V	23
2nd	Mitsios D	16
3rd	Brandon C	9

CLASS # 7 ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS		
1st	Petrovski V	20
2nd	Mitsios D	15
3rd	Chen H	13
CLASS # 8 CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS		
1st	Petrovski V	54
2nd	Mitsios D	14
3rd	Chapman W & J	6
CLASS # 9 SPECIES ASIAN		
1st	Chapman W & J	27
2nd	Mitsios D	25
3rd	Robinson J	21
CLASS # 10 MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS		
1st	Petrovski V	31
2nd	Birss G	19
3rd	Robinson J	10
CLASS # 11 SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN		
1st	Robinson J	18
1st	Mitsios D	18
3rd	Costa J	9
CLASS # 12 NOVICE - HYBRIDS		
1st	Karayannis M	39
2nd	Ng J	24
3rd	Spring M	17
CLASS # 13 NOVICE - SPECIES		
1st	Ng J	49
2nd	Karayannis M	8
3rd	Spring M	5
CLASS # 14 INTERMEDIATE - HYBRIDS		
1st	Nicol R	38
2nd	Jackson R	36
3rd	Cawley R	21
CLASS # 15 INTERMEDIATE - SPECIES		
1st	Jackson R	48
2nd	Cawley R	25
3rd	Nicol R	24

Fertilizing Orchids

There's been some discussion recently around locating accurate information on orchid fertilizing. Thanks to Wayne Turville from the now closed Australian Orchid Nursery, who has left a few basic tips on their Website after 40 years of experimenting - **(CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW)**

[Australian Orchid Nursery - fertilizer hints](#)

Breeding of Orchids

Article, Orchids and Photos - courtesy Gary Hodder



Dend. 'pink' farmerii (**Pod Parent**) + Dend. amabile (**Pollen Parent**)

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Breeding orchids is the process of pollinating mature flowers to produce seeds.

Orchid flowers are a unique flower because there is not a male flower and a female flower. Orchid flowers have both male and female reproductive components in the same flower, in fact with an orchid flower you can self-pollinate the one flower by taking the pollen from the pollen sack (Column) and placing it on the stigma of the same flower. Having clean hands and using a sterilized tooth pick for pollinating ensures your breeding practice will not be ruined by fungal infection as fungal infection together with rapid temperature changes are the biggest killers of seed pods.

Once a flower has been pollinated, label the peduncles so that you know what is the cross, after several days if the pollination is successful the flower will die but the ovaries located directly behind the sepals, begins to swell and elongate to eventually become a seed pod containing thousands of seeds which are the smallest seed of any plant. The time it takes for orchid seed to mature varies from a few days to nearly a year.

Years ago, a well-known orchid grower crossed his two best purest white Kingianums. The result was all prodigies were pink. Sometimes all the recessive genera fire up together.

Many years ago, when Michael and Richard Dimon were teaching me the art of cross pollination, we crossed two of my favourite South East Asian Dendrobium species and this week I was totally surprised with the flowering of the seedling.

The species orchids were Dendrobium pink farmerii and Dendrobium amabile both pink flowers, but the result was a whitest of white flower with yellow on the labellum. (**refer to the photos above!!!**)

This just shows you that nature is amazing and nothing is definite in the result of pollination of orchids. Once I cross pollinated two different coloured Dendrobium soft canes and produced twenty-one different coloured seedlings from the one pod!!

For the Prom. enthusiasts, check out these beauties sent in for January

Orchid & Photo - *courtesy Melissa Karayannis*



Prom. Crawshayana x Samsu

Orchid & Photo - *courtesy Melissa Karayannis*



Prom. rollissonii x ovatiloba

Orchid & Photo - *courtesy Jan Robinson*



Prom. guttata 'Grouchy' FCC / AOC

Orchid & Photo - *courtesy David Hicks*



Prom. Drayton Gold 'Tongariro'

Orchid & Photo - *courtesy Melissa Karayannis* - Prom. Firefly Dinah Albright



David Hicks @ Home



Coel. massangeana



Wilsonara Pacific Passage
'Handsome'

Two Beautifully Flowered Specimens

Orchids and Photos – courtesy Gary Hodder



L. purpurata var. atropurpurea



Dend. chrysotoxum

**Monthly Benching Classes 2023*

REMINDER – that we now have a revised set of Benching Classes operating for **Novice & Intermediate**

PLUS

the **Open species** classes have been divided to include separate classes for Laeliinae and Coelogyneae.

To assist members, a list of the more popular genera that can be included in those classes, has been expanded on the schedule.

A copy is now permanently available from the link on our Website under Meetings on the 'About Us' page.

**The new Classes commenced at the December meeting, and if you require any assistance on the night, please ask one of our Judging team or an experienced grower.*

MINUTES

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

GENERAL MEETING

12th December 2022

President Rhonda declared the general meeting open at 8.00pm, extending a very good evening to everyone and welcome to our December general meeting.

A warm welcome also to our visitor - *Joy Gouvoussis. (membership application received tonight)*

APOLOGIES were received from *Gifford Bunt, Mike Hitchcock, Terry Thompson, Di and Mike Hannah, Murray Aldridge, Heath Myers, Jenny Sharpham.*

President asked for a motion that the November minutes as distributed in the December Bulletin, were accurate, *Rob Nicol* motioned they were correct, seconded, *Pam Davies*, carried.

Being our Christmas meeting, members were provided with an overview of the order of the night, being we'll have the general business and judging, including our annual awards and trophy presentations. Once that and the judging is finished, we'll put our plants in the car and arrange the hall for our Christmas Party, as our food will be arriving around 8.30pm!!

The Chinese finger food, cans of soft drinks, plus a desert sweet will be available from the row of tables at the rear of the seating area. Tea / coffee is available from our normal area near the double doors. Following that we will commence our giant Christmas raffle.

Members were reminded not to forget to purchase their raffle tickets in the break @ \$1each, limit of \$10 per person, the final prize being our large Christmas hamper!!

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Various December Society Bulletins including the December Orchid News from the OSNSW

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- Society letter of appreciation to Diane Thompson and staff at Woollooware Golf Club for our 70th Anniversary function.
- Request to Ken Siew to talk on Paphs in the new year

GENERAL BUSINESS:

NEW BENCHING CLASSES: It was mentioned, that members should have received a copy of the 2023 benching classes with the December Bulletin. Unfortunately, there was a minor error in the Open Species Class, and we've also included in Open Species -Coelogyndinae and Species Laeliinae. The revised schedule was sent out separately to members, and will operate from tonight through to November next year.

We hope you find the changes beneficial by making some classes more competitive, and you should find it easier when choosing the right class for your plants. It was noted to members that if they had any questions, to please see one of our judging team or an experienced grower.

INCREASE IN ANNUAL POINT SCORE PRIZES:

Rhonda presented members with the following scenario which has led to a decision by Committee to increase the prize money for 2023:

When the annual point scores are calculated those members, who come first in a class in the Annual Points earn \$10. Second place getters earn \$5. In 2019 when we had 37 classes the prizes cost \$645. This year with 15 classes it cost \$280. The committee has decided to increase the amounts earned for 2023 to \$15 for first place and \$10 for second place. With the increase of classes for 2023 the prize money will only increase slightly accordingly.

RE-COMMENCEMENT OF THE GROWER'S GROUP:

Members were advised that Committee is considering recommencing the Grower's Group meetings on a weekend. It is planned that the first session will occur in February, and details should be available to members shortly.

ACTIVITIES FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

At the January meeting we will hold the judging of the Hybrid of the Night and Species of the Night from 2022. Members will get a chance to vote for their favourite plant from the photos shown at the meeting. The two winners will receive a prize.

MINUTES – cont'd

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GENERAL MEETING

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES –

Members were reminded that annual fees are payable from now. The renewal form was included with the December bulletin. If you wish to pay this evening, forms are available, so please see our Treasurer Margaret in the break. Thank- you to all those members who have paid so far.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DRAW:

In appreciation of the efforts of our volunteers at our two shows this year, two names were drawn for a prize. Congratulations to our winners, Rhonda Jackson and Col Brandon.

BENCHING CLASS ELEVATIONS:

At this time of year, the committee decides who will be escalated from the Novice and Intermediate classes based on people's ability in growing their orchids and the annual point scores.

The following members were congratulated on being elevated in Class due to their successful performance in the annual point score competition during 2022.

Rhonda Jackson from INTERMEDIATE to OPEN Class with 84 points

Robert Nicol from INTERMEDIATE to OPEN Class with 62 points

Robert Cawley from INTERMEDIATE to OPEN Class with 46 points. Robert won two Championships at our Winter show and one at the Spring Show.

Melissa Karayannis from NOVICE to INTERMEDIATE Class with 47 points

John Ng from NOVICE to INTERMEDIATE Class with 73 points

The list with everyone's points will be published in January's bulletin, a copy was also made available tonight for members to view.

ANNUAL PRESENTATIONS OF CERTIFICATES AND TROPHYS

President proceeded with the following note of thanks:

"The Society doesn't function well without a great committee and supportive members. I would like to thank"

- The committee who has worked very hard in managing the business of the Society. There is a lot of work that is done by the committee behind the scenes that members may not appreciate. Frank Daniel is an ideas man and liaison officer. His skill is communicating with Bunnings, WWS and other businesses to progress our functions. David has done a wonderful job in managing the role of Secretary and Bulletin Editor. This is a huge task which he manages extremely well. Margaret has kept the finances on track so we have plenty of money in the bank. Murray is a reliable wealth of knowledge who we rely on for advice and guidance on how things should be done. Diane Phillips is always willing to lend a hand and offer her voice on matters being decided. Our two newest members are Melissa and Jenny. Melissa is our photographer of the monthly benching plants. She sends the photos to David for inclusion in the bulletin and to George for his articles. Jenny organises the supper which we all appreciate. It's a great team. We do have one vacancy which we will want to fill at the AGM.
- the members who have worked tirelessly over the year such as our raffle ticket sellers, sales table assistants and those people who put out and put away the tables at our meetings, and those volunteers at our shows.

There were a number of members who received a special mention tonight.

- We would like to show appreciation for the dedication of our three judges who make the hard decisions in judging our plants at our meetings - Murray Aldridge, Wal Chapman and David Brooks who each received a \$50 eftpos card. (Murray's presentation was held over to next meeting)
- Robert Cawley who always arrives early to put out the tables and also sells our raffle tickets. Robert was presented with a \$25 eftpos card
- George Birss and Gary Hodder for writing the articles and supplying photos for the bulletin all year. George and Gary were presented with a \$25 eftpos card
- Robert Nicol and Diane Phillips for managing the sales table at our meetings; Robert was presented with a \$25 eftpos card
- Pam Davies for her efforts in tallying the monthly show bench results from which the annual point scores are calculated. Pam was presented with a gift.
- Thank you also to those who brought a donation for our Giant Raffle tonight

Rhonda reiterated that our members are a great bunch, and our participation and support at our meetings and events is greatly appreciated, and for that we should all give ourselves a round of applause.

MINUTES – cont'd

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12th December 2022

ANNUAL POINT SCORE AWARDS for 2022

"I can feel the anticipation and excitement building for our Annual Points Awards".

President then proceeded to award the following Certificates / Prize Money

NOVICE:

Melissa Karayannis – 1st in Class 12, 2nd in Class 13. SECOND PLACE – (47 points)

John Ng – 1st in Class 13, 2nd in Class 12, FIRST PLACE – (73 points)

INTERMEDIATE

Robert Cawley – 2nd in Class 15 THIRD PLACE

Robert Nicol -1st in Class 14, SECOND PLACE – (62 points)

Rhonda Jackson – 2nd in Class 14, 1st in Class 15, FIRST PLACE (84 points)

OPEN

Wayne McEvoy – 2nd Class 4

Wal Chapman – 1st Class 9

George Birss – 2nd Class 10

Richard Dimon – 2nd Class 1 (Certificate not available)

Jan Robinson – equal 1st with Dimitri in Class 11

Col Brandon – 1st Class 1, 1st Class 3, 2nd Class 5 THIRD PLACE (132 points)

Dimitrios Mitsios – 1st Class 2, 2nd Class 3, 2nd Class 6, 2nd Class 7, 2nd Class 8, 2nd Class 9, equal 1st with Jan in Class 11, SECOND PLACE (160 points)

Vic Petrovski – 2nd Class 2, 1st Class 4, 1st Class 5, 1st Class 6, 1st Class 7, 1st Class 8, 1st Class 10 – FIRST PLACE (256 points)

Vic Petrovski was then presented with the Annual Point Score Trophy to a photo and a round of applause.

- The **Rona Goudie trophy** is awarded annually to the person who wins the most first place awards without winning a Championship award at the SOS and our two shows. This year's winner was George Birss. George was then presented with the Rona Goudie Trophy to a photo and a round of applause.

Rhonda then congratulated all prize recipients.

On conclusion of the business part of the evening, plants were taken from the benches to cars, the excess tables were put away, and the room arranged ready for the arrival of the food, drinks and desserts.

At approx 8.50pm our giant Christmas raffle commenced

On completion, the Monthly benching prizes were awarded

MONTHLY PRIZES:

Name Badge Draw for tonight – winner Jan Robinson

Lucky plants from November meeting - \$10 certificates to each person

Robert Nicol, George Birss, Col Brandon

PLANT OF THE NIGHT: Angulocaste Olympus 'Honey' – *D. Mitsios*

December Judges' Choice Awards:

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN HYBRID: Angulocaste Olympus 'Honey' – *D. Mitsios*

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN SPECIES: Lycaste cruenta – *J. Robinson*

JUDGES CHOICE INTERMEDIATE: L. purpurata var. carnea x L. 'do Crente' – *J. Chan*

JUDGES CHOICE NOVICE: Dend. amabile – *S. Tropoulos*

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE FOR DECEMBER:

Rodrumnia Hawaiian Magic x Tolumnia Capaloba Gold – *R. Cawley*

Rhonda then thanked everyone for their attendance tonight wishing all a great Christmas / New Year, and we look forward to seeing you all at our first meeting for 2023 on January 9th!!

President asked if everyone would please help putting the tables away and if someone could sweep the floor it would be appreciated.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm,

Melissa Karayannis @ Home



Brassia verrucosa

Frank Daniel @ Home



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Chin White @ Home



Cymbid. 'Unknown'

Reminder - Annual Membership Fees for 2023 are now due.
(please complete the fee renewal form if your contact details have changed)

Adult Single - \$15 Adult Double - \$20
Pensioner Single - \$10 Pensioner Double - \$15
Junior (under 16 years) - \$5

Payable in cash at the meeting or by direct deposit:

BSB: 062-278. Account #: 10023286
Account Name: Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

Please ensure you put your name in the reference field!!!

Dendrobium amabile

Orchid and Photos – courtesy Gary Hodder



Congratulations to Melissa Karayannis for the spectacular flowering of this specimen of *Oncidium 'Unknown'*

December Benching



Local Orchid Spotting

Photos - courtesy Diane Phillips

Dipodium punctatum



Dipodium punctatum - a leafless, **tuberous**, **perennial**, **mycoheterotrophic** herb. Between five and sixty pale to bright pink flowers with heavy red blotches and 20–25 mm (0.8–1 in) wide are borne on a green to blackish, **hyacinth-like** flowering stem 40–100 cm (20–40 in) tall. The **sepals** and **petals** are linear to elliptic or lance-shaped, 10–20 mm (0.4–0.8 in) long, 2.5–5 mm (0.1–0.2 in) wide and free from each other with their tips sometimes slightly curved backwards.

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The **labellum** is 12–16 mm (0.5–0.6 in) long, 5–6 mm (0.20–0.24 in) wide and has three lobes. The centre lobe has a band of pink to mauve hairs, the band narrow near the base but widening towards the tip of the lobe. Flowering occurs from November to March.

This orchid is often confused with *D. roseum* but has a narrower band of labellum hairs, darker blotches and less recurved sepals and petals.

The blotched hyacinth orchid is common in woodland and forest along the coast and ranges of **New South Wales**, the **Australian Capital Territory** and **Queensland**. It is also widespread in **Victoria** especially in the east of the state.

December Benching



Light Supper at Meetings

Tea or Coffee plus biscuits are available during the break at the back of the hall.

***As disposable cups are no longer provided, please remember to bring along your own mug!**



Upcoming Shows and Events for 2023

Monday 9th Jan. 2023, SSOS General Meeting. Activity – Member Popular Vote on the species and hybrid winners benched in 2022.

Monday 13th Feb. 2023, SSOS General Meeting. Speaker TBA

Monday 13th March 2023, SSOS General Meeting plus AGM. Speaker / Activity TBA

Monday 10th April 2023, SSOS General meeting. Speaker TBA

Monday 8th May 2023, SSOS Annual Auction (watch for details)

Dear SSOS Members – we would really appreciate your **Photos @ Home or Articles** to include in our monthly Bulletins.

To contribute, please email to:
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(by the 24th of each month)
thank-you - Editor

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