

# **FIVE DOCK RSL ORCHID SOCIETY INC SEPTEMBER 2023 BULLETIN**

Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in the months of January to November.  
at Concord Community Centre, 1A Gipps Street, Concord, NSW 2137 The  
Society was founded on 19<sup>th</sup> July 1967.



*Society Emblem: Dendrobium Fivedock Fire 'Summertime'*

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 commencing at 7.40 pm.

**PLEASE NOTE THIS MONTH'S MEETING WILL BE HELD  
AT CLUB FIVE DOCK RSL AUDITORIUM, DUE TO THE CENTRE BEING USED  
AS A PRE-POLLING PLACE FOR THE REFERENDUM**

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## **President's Report**

Congratulations to all the Prize winners and to those who did not win a prize but helped make the show a success.

Thank you to all the members who came along and did duty to make the show a success and to take some of the hard work off the committee. Onto serious matters

Our September meeting will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in the Auditorium at Club Five Dock RSL. This is due to The Community Centre; Gipps St Concord being used as a Pre-Polling venue. As usual our meeting will commence a 7.40 pm. Tables and chairs have been arranged for benching. If you are bringing plants for the meeting someone will be outside the Club to watch your plants while you park your car. We will have a trolley available when you unload.

This meeting will be very important for 2 reasons We need to know final numbers for the bus trip to Barrita Orchid Nursery on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 and payment of \$25 for members and \$30 for visitors should be made. David Banks will be giving a talk on Sarcanthinae at Barrita at 10am. David is an excellent speaker. So, we need everyone to be at Gipps St Concord from 7.30am so the Coach can leave no later than 8am so we can "mark off the roll". After leaving Baritta we will be stopping at the Corrugated Café for a light Lunch of mixed sandwiches, Tea, Coffee, and Cake.

The Second reason is this is the last meeting before Orchids Central at club Condell Park Eldridge Rd Bankstown. We ask members who have volunteered for duty on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023 If they are able to attend on Thursday to setup our display and assist vendors settle in.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Cub Five Dock RSL on Thursday as we have lots to discuss.

**Kathy Koutsoukis**

**FIVE DOCK RSL ORCHID SOCIETY INC**

**Minutes of the Monthly General Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023, at  
Concord Community Centre, 1A Gipps Street, Concord.**

**Opening:**

The Vice President declared the meeting open at 7.40pm and welcomed all members and our guest Fedora then requested all those present to either turn their mobile phones off or to silent.

**Apologies:**

Apologies were listed on the attendance sheet.

**Minutes:**

It was moved that Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023 as circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of that night's proceedings.

**Moved**                      **Sam Campagna**                                              **Seconded Robyn McEwen**                                              **Carried**

**Business arising:**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**Correspondence:**

The Secretary summarised and tabled various Orchid Society Newsletters, News on upcoming Orchid Events & Conferences, Open Gardens information from the Garden Clubs Australia and brochures promotions of various "Garden" tours.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Vice President tabled the Treasurer's monthly reports for the month of July 2023.

**General Business:**

The Vice President reminded everyone present to sign the attendance register for insurance purposes, Covid 19 tracing, and the lucky badge draw.

Fedora mentioned the array of Raffle prizes and thanked those that added to the prizes.

Fedora advised that Ferragosto had been very successful and a good PR exercise for our club. The update for Orchid Central was we had been allotted Saturday for our Society to do Duty and a roster had been posted with shifts 9.30am to 1pm and 12.30 to 4pm It had been decided that we would do a tabletop display.

Our Spring show was al set to go and set up in our usual place behind the Elevators in front of Target from 4.30pm with Judging from 7.30pm then a light refreshment available. Plants for sales need to be dropped of on Thursday Morning to avoid congestion.

Our Coach trip this year will be to Baritta Orchids Open Day 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 at a cost of \$25 for members \$30 for visitor seats are limited and we will have a light Lunch included in the price of mixed sandwiches & Tea & Coffee at the Corrugated Café Peats Ridge after leaving Barrita to arrive back at Concord about 4pm

Steak Nights have been moved to Tuesday Nights so as not to conflict with Trivia Night on Thursday.

**The meeting broke for supper**

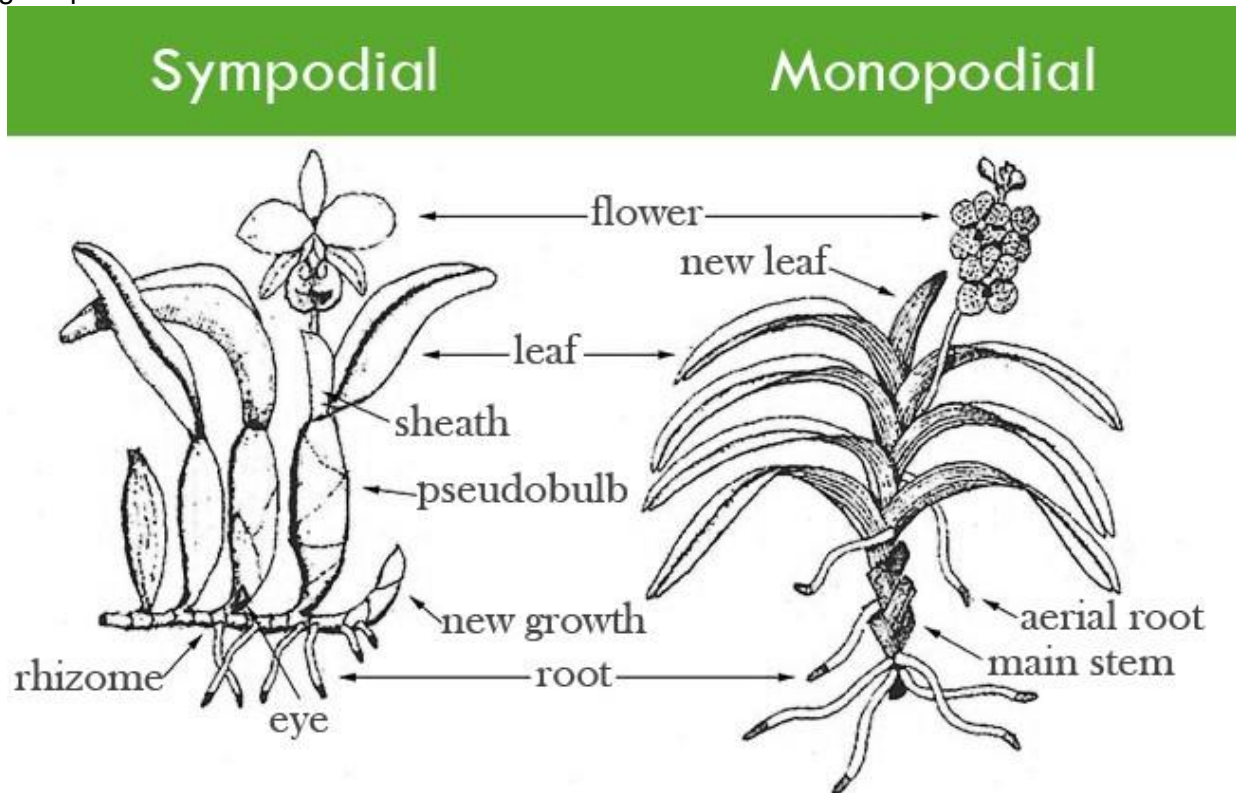
**Lecture:**

Kathy introduced Gary Hodder for a presentation Orchids for new growers.

Gary started by reminding members of the huge numbers of orchid species and manmade nothogenus. Orchids have many habitats and media to grow both on & in these are Lithophytic growing on rocks especially in crevices where leave and other humic matter accumulates, Epiphytic these are orchids that

grow on Trees and survive like Lithophytic orchids from similar humic accumulates and finally Terrestrials that grow in soft loamy sandy open soils. All have a need for fungal interaction.

It was noted that species don't have to be exclusively one type. Gary noted that *Den speciosum* can be both Lithophytic & Epiphytic. He mentioned that orchids can be either Monopodial or Sympodial. Monopodial are Vandaceous that grow upwards like a tree fern. Sympodial are bulb like with nutrient storage in pseudobulbs.



Gary then showed various habitats from Costa Rica to Cambodia

The next item he advised on how you increase your orchid collection. There are several options the easiest option is to purchase orchids from reputable nurseries or growers novice growers should buy established plants but as you advance purchase of Flasks is a way to get unique plants. The next option is to divide your current orchids. The other is via Kikis. Gary spoke of how in Asia they get old canes of *Dendrobiums* to form Kikis and showed the results by cutting and hanging upside down.

Gary then explained all the down sides of insect pests and the 33 known viruses and fungi that harm your orchids.

If repotting to create specimens that only increase pot size up by one size don't go crazy and double the pot size. And always ensure you repot when plant is going to grow more new roots What you grow your orchids in or on is problematic from Squat pots, Timber, Coir lined Baskets, Waterwells, terracotta to Slab culture on Cork, tree fern and Hard Wood. Then there is all sorts of growing media Pine Bark, Hard Wood Charcoal, Scoria, Crushed Limestone, Mosses such as Sphagnum & Bush and Hydroponically using Rock wool and like materials. You should be aware of the Tannis & phenols that are in some bark that are poisonous to some orchids.

Speaking of fertiliser, you need to be aware slow-release fertilisers are affected by heat make them break down faster. Also, the NPK ratios need for flowering initiation vs Growth should be considered. The use of Epsom Salts (Magnesium sulfate) 75g to 100 litres and Condy's Crystals (potassium permanganate) 5g to 100 ltrs these should be used to dose your plants twice a year.

With watering remember to never water above 27°C or below 10°C. If temperature is above 27°C don't water the plant but the floor to create humidity and air movement Kathy thanked Gary for his informative talk.

**Lucky Badge:**

Was won by Kathy Koutsoukis

**Raffle:**

The Raffle prize winners Iris Leong(x2), Johnathan Tran, Dora Tzelis, Peter D'Olier and Maria Grasso

**Closure:**

The President closed the meeting at 9.50 pm thanking members for attending and asking members to assist with putting away the tables & chairs and vacuuming the carpet. Kathy further wished everyone a safe journey home.

Point Score August 2023			
Open			
Class 1 Cymbidium over 90mm		Class 28 Misc. Hybrids not Listed	
1. <i>Cym.</i> Pink Dream	N&D Tzelis	1. Unknown	S&L Campagna
Class 1A Cymbidium Intermediate 61-90mm		2. <i>Z.</i> Artur Elle	G Hodder
1. Unknown	L. Harris	Class 29 Miniature Species & Hybrids under 20mm	
2. Unknown	S&L Campagna	1. <i>Max. variabilis</i>	P&J D'Olier
3. <i>Cym.</i> Arachnid	P&J D'Olier	Class 31 Australain Epiphytes Species	
Class 2 Cymbidium Miniature up to 60mm		1. <i>Den. speciosum</i> 'Natstar' x 'Moonmere'	R Moon
1. <i>Cym.</i> Sleeping Royal	N&D Tzelis	2. <i>Den. speciosum</i>	M Maher
2. <i>Cym.</i> Idyllic Glamour	L. Harris	Class 32 Australian Epiphytes Hybrids	
3. <i>Cym.</i> Arctic Little Angel	S&L Campagna	1. <i>Den.</i> Ellen 'Phoenix' x Andrew Persson	S&L Campagna
Class 5 Laeliinae (Cattleya) Mini up to 65mm		2. <i>Den.</i> Australian MacBride x Speckles Sunset	P. La
1. <i>Rth.</i> Shinfong Little Sun 'Orchis'	K Koutsoukis	3. <i>Den.</i> Flinders Snow	F. Pristov
2. <i>Rly.</i> Swan's Shy	S&L Campagna	Class 34 Australian Sarcanthinae Species	
3. <i>Pcv.</i> Golden Peacock	S&L Campagna	1. <i>Plrhz. tridentata</i>	R Moon
Class 7a Laeliinae (Cattleya) Species		Class 49 Specimen - Minimum of 5 racemes	
1. <i>C. cernua</i>	P&J D'Olier	1. <i>Den.</i> Esmé Poulton 'Tinonee'	N&D Tzelis
2. <i>C. blumenscheinii</i>	P&J D'Olier	<b>Novice</b>	
Class 7b Laeliinae Species Other than Cattleya		Class 37 Novice Cymbidium	
1. <i>Din. polybulbon</i>	R Moon	1. <i>Cym.</i> Little Bumble Bee	J. Tran
Class 11 Dendrobium Hybrids (Not Australian)		2. <i>Cym.</i> Jack Hudlow 'Waikanae'	M. Grasso
1. Unknown	S&L Campagna	Class 39 Novice Laeliinae	

Class 13 Monopodial/Vandaceous Species		1. <i>C. Clarissa</i> x <i>L. flava</i>	J. Tran
1. <i>Rhy. gigantea</i>	P&J D'Olier	Class 40 Novice Coelogyninae	
Class 15 Coelogyninae Species		1. <i>Coel.</i> Unchained Melody	M. Grasso
1. <i>Ddc. convallariforme</i>	N&D Tzelis	2. <i>Coel.</i> Intermedia	J. Tran
2. <i>Coel. usitana</i>	P&J D'Olier	Class 42 Novice Vandaceous	
Class 16 Coelogyninae Hybrids		1. <i>Ple.</i> Mundyi	J. Tran
1. <i>Coel.</i> Unchained Melody	S&L Campagna	1. <i>Max. densa</i>	J. Tran
2. <i>Coel.</i> Linda Buckley	P. La	Class 45 Novice Paphiopedilum	
3. <i>Coel.</i> Unchained Melody	F. Pristov	1. <i>Paph.</i> Lathamianum	J. Tran
Class 18 Phalaenopsis Novelty up to 75mm		2. <i>Paph. philippinense</i> var. <i>roebelinii</i>	A Pau
1. Unknown	S&L Campagna	3. <i>Paph. philippinense</i> var. <i>roebelinii</i>	A Pau
Class 25 Species America		Class 46 Novice Australian Species & Hybrids	
1. <i>Max tonsbergii</i>	P&J D'Olier	1. <i>Den. kingianum</i>	M. Grasso
2. <i>Max. porphyrostele</i>	F. Pristov	2. Unknown	J. Tran
		Number of plants benched 56	
Please Note:			
<i>Cym.</i> Dural Dream x Pepper Blaze Firestick - <i>Cym.</i> Pink Dream			
<i>Den.</i> Rhubarb Pie x <i>speciosum</i> - <i>Den.</i> Speckles Sunset			

**Five Dock RSL Orchid Society  
Spring Show 2023 - Results  
Grand Champion - *Cym. Pe Wee*  
Reserve Champion - *Phal. Noro*  
Novice Champion - *Cym. Ruby Pendant***

Open

**Class 1 Cymbidiums 61mm and over**

1. *Cym.* Atlantic Carat
2. *Cym.* Pacific Spark

**Class 2 Cymbidium up to 60mm**

1. *Cym.* Pee Wee
2. *Cym.* Mary Green 'Showgirl'

**Class 3 Laeliinae - Mini up to 65mm**

1. *Ctt.* Chicanery x Rocket Burst x Sixpence

2. Nil

**Class 4 Laeliinae 65 to 110 mm**

Nil

**Class 5 Laeliinae Cluster 5+Flowers**

1. *Ctt.* Gold Digger
2. Nil

S&L  
Campagna  
J. Costa

K. Koutsoukis  
S&L  
Campagna

N&D Tzelis

P. La

**Class 14 Species Asia & Other**

1. *Bletilla stricta*

**Class 15 Oncidiinae Species**

Nil

**Class 16 Oncidiinae up to 60mm**

1. *Mtdm.* Carnivale 'Rio'

2. *Lsz.* Lava Burst 'Puanami'

**Class 17 Oncidiinae over 61mm**

1. *Brsdm.* Gilded Urchin 'Ontario'
2. *Alcra* Snowblind 'Sweet Spots'

**Class 18 Coelogyninae Species**

1. *Ddc.* filiforme 'Megan's'
2. *Ddc.* glumaceum

**Class 19 Coelogyninae Hybrids**

R. Moon

P. La  
S&L  
Campagna

S&L  
Campagna  
P. La

K. Koutsoukis  
K. Koutsoukis

**Class 6 Laeliinae Exhibition Type over 110mm**

1. Rlc. Memoria Victoria Kam 'Fascination' N&amp;D Tzelis

**Class 7 Laeliinae Species**

1. C. Iodigessii 'Amanda B' x 'Whopper' P. La

**Class 7b Laeliinae Species Not Cattleya**1. Din. polybulbon J. Costa  
2. Din. polybulbon R. Moon**Class 8 Den. Hybrids (Other than Australasian)**1. Den. Spring Dream 'Apollon' J. Costa  
2. Den. Yukidaruma 'The King' K. Koutsoukis**Class 9 Den. Species (Other than Australasian)**

Nil

**Class 10 Paphiopedilum Species & Hybrids**1. Paph. liemianum T. Yee  
2. Paph. Nitens J. Costa**Class 11 Monopodial Species & Hybrids**1. V. tricolor S&L  
Campagna  
S&L  
2. Aerides vandarum Campagna**Class 12 Phalaenopsis Species & Hybrids**

1. Phal. Noro T. Yee

2. Phal. Unknown S&amp;L

**Class 13 Species Amerias**

Nil

**CHAMPIONS****Cymbidium - Cym. Pee Wee****Laeliinae - Ctt. Gold Digger****Dendrobium - Den. Spring Dream 'Apollon'****Oncidiinae - Brsdm. Gilded Urchin 'Ontario'****Australasian - Den. Gold Rush****Species - Den. monophyllum****Any Other - Phal. Noro**

1. Coel. Unknown

2. Coel. Mem. William Micholitz

**Class 20 Saranthisinae Species & Hybrids**

1. Plrhz. tridentata R. Moon

**Class 21 Australasian Hybrids**

1. Den. Gold Rush P. La

**Class 22 Australasian Species**

1. Den. monophyllum G. Hodder

2. Doc. striolata D&amp;P Booth

2a. Den. kingianum 'Excelsior Super Stripe' D&amp;P Booth

**Class 23 Hybrids not elsewhere listed**

1. Lyc. Macama 'Aline' T. Yee

2. Z. Honolulu Baby G. Hodder

**Novice****Class 24 Cymbidium Species & Hybrids**

1. Cym. Ruby Pendant M. Reavell

2. Cym. Unknown J. Tran

**Class 28 Monopodial Species & Hybrids**

1. Phal. Unknown S. McIlwain

**Class 29 Species & Hybrids not elsewhere listed**

1. Den. Unknown J. Tran

2. Coel. flaccida J. Tran

**Not another one changed!!**

At our spring show, my eye was attracted to an old intergeneric hybrid that was benched.

Back in the early 1980's Howeara genus was all the rage as the new pot plant orchid took the world by storm with the new intergeneric hybrid Howeara Mini-Primi, with its deep red flowers on a compact plant. It was just Wow!

I looked at the results and noticed the genus name had changed. Yep, the botanists are at it again!

In 1976 Stephen E Howe of Miami Florida USA, registered the nothogenus, after himself, the three genera were *Leochilus*, *Oncidium* and *Rodriguezia* (Lchs. x Onc. x Rdza.).

The first part of the cross made by Dr Ruben P Saulea of Goulds, Florida USA in 1970 and was *Oncidium sarcodes* being the seed parent and *Rodriguezia lanceolata* being the pollen parent, he named this cross *Rodricidium Primi*. Then in 1976 Stephen E Howe added *Leochilus oncioides* as the pollen parent to *Rodricidium Primi* as the seed parent to make *Howeara Mini-Primi*.

But, as they say never leave anything alone or allow growers to become too familiar with a Genus name, and so in 2009 everyone's Favorite Botanist Mark.W.Chase collaborated with Norris Hagan Williams, changed *Oncidium sarcodes* to *Gomesa sarcodes* With this name change came the name changes for all the hybrids and *Rodricidium Primi* became *Gomguezia Primi* with that name change *Howeara* became extinct The new name for the Genus became *Leomesezia*.

*Leomesezia* Lava Burst heritage is *Leomesezia* Mini-Primi crossed back to it Grandfather *Rodriguezia lanceolata*. Lsz. Lava Burst 'Puanami' has 2 Awards of Merit from American Orchid Society and 3 Certificates of Cultural Merit including one with listed as having 17 inflorescence & with some racemes having over 19 flowers. The clonal name was registered in 1993 by Gavin J Yamada of Puanami Orchids, Waimanalo, Hawaii, USA hence the clonal name.

### Dates for the Diary

28 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Monthly Meeting at Club Five Dock RSL Auditorium
3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023	Steak Night at Club Five Dock RSL
13 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Orchids Central at Club Condell Park, Bankstown
22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2023	Coach Trip to Baritta Orchids 8am Leave Gipps St
26 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Monthly Meeting
23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023	Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging
2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023	Presentation Night / Christmas Party, Club Five Dock RSL
25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Monthly Meeting
22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024	Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging
5 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Steak Night at Club Five Dock RSL
21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	Monthly Meeting & AGM
20 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Anzac Tribute at Club Five Dock RSL Foyer TBC
25 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Monthly Meeting
8 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Autumn Show Marketplace Leichhardt TBC
23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging
27 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Monthly Meeting
2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	Steak Night at Club Five Dock RSL
25 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Monthly Meeting
21 <sup>st</sup> August 2024	Ferragosto Great North Rd Five Dock
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11 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Spring Show Marketplace Leichhardt TBC
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