

FIVE DOCK RSL ORCHID SOCIETY INC MARCH 2024 BULLETIN

Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday in the months of January to November.
at Concord Community Centre, 1A Gipps Street, Concord, NSW 2137

The Society was founded on 19th July 1967.



Society Emblem: Dendrobium Fivedock Fire 'Summertime'

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 28th March 2024 commencing at 7.40 pm.

Five Dock RSL Orchid Society is proudly supported by.

Club Five Dock RSL, Canada Bay Council and MarketPlace Leichhardt Shopping Centre

Visit our website www.fivedockorchids.com for photos of the winning orchids from our Monthly and Annual Shows, Plants of the Night, Class winners, Show Champions, and record of our Social Events.

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Website Coordinator: Jane D'Olier

Presidents Report

I am happy to report that our Picnic Day at Kokoda Track Memorial Park Weather Shed on the 25th February was highly successful. We had thirty members & their guests attend. We had a variety of sausages & kebabs with a variety of salads. Desert consisted of a lovely selection of sweets.

On the 12th March we had our first Friendship night for 2024 at Club Five Dock RSL members who attended had a very enjoyable evening.

On the 13th March Fedora gave a talk at Bunnings Rydalmere on orchid care with over forty-five people in attendance and was very well received

Our March Meeting on 28th March is our AGM and I hope that more of our members consider standing for your committee. As previously mentioned, our committee meeting is straight after our normal monthly meeting so no need to come out another night.

A potting day has been organised for Sunday 7th March at my home starting at 10am as some members would be aware we have had orchids donated to the club and need help to repot them. I would like members to assist so we can divide the plants to sell at our shows and to supply the rest for our monthly raffle. Morning tea & Lunch will be supplied. Could members advise either Margaret or Fedora if they intend to come for catering purposes.

Saturday 20th April will be our Annual ANZAC Tribute display at Club Five Dock RSL plants need to be benched between 10am & 11.30am with Judging conducted from 12 Noon with Pull down display Tuesday 23rd April from 10am The show schedule is in this newsletter.

Just a reminder our April meeting will still be held on Thursday 25th April 2024 Anzac Day
Hoping to see you all at our March Meeting on Thursday.

Kathy Koutsoukis

FIVE DOCK RSL ORCHID SOCIETY INC
Minutes of the Monthly General Meeting held on 22 February 2024,
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 as listed on the attendance sheet.

Minutes:

It was moved that Minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2024 as circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of that night's proceedings.

Moved John Costa Seconded Jonathan Tran 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, Open Gardens information from the Garden Clubs Australia and brochures promotions of various "Garden" & Orchid tours.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer tabled her monthly report and accounts for payment.

General Business:

The Vice President asked had everyone present signed 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 had added to those prizes. Fees are now due, and Margaret would be accepting payment.

Fedora asked all members to advise if they are coming to the BBQ on Sunday and number of guests they are bringing along for catering purposes. We will get there from about 10.30am, it should be a good day out.

Members were reminded that our social nights are now known as Friendship nights rather than Steak night and have been moved to Tuesday Nights as Thursday's Trivia Nights were too noisy and hard for members to exchange ideas and not conducive to socialising. The first Friendship night for 2024 will be 12th March 2024 at Club Five Dock RSL from 7ishpm.

The Vice President advised that the rules for ending the growing competition i.e. first plant to flower. Excited to see what it looks like.

The Anzac Tribute will set up in the Foyer of Club Five Dock RSL on Saturday 20th April 2024 10am to 11.30am with Judging at Noon members are welcome to stay and socialise over lunch at own expense.

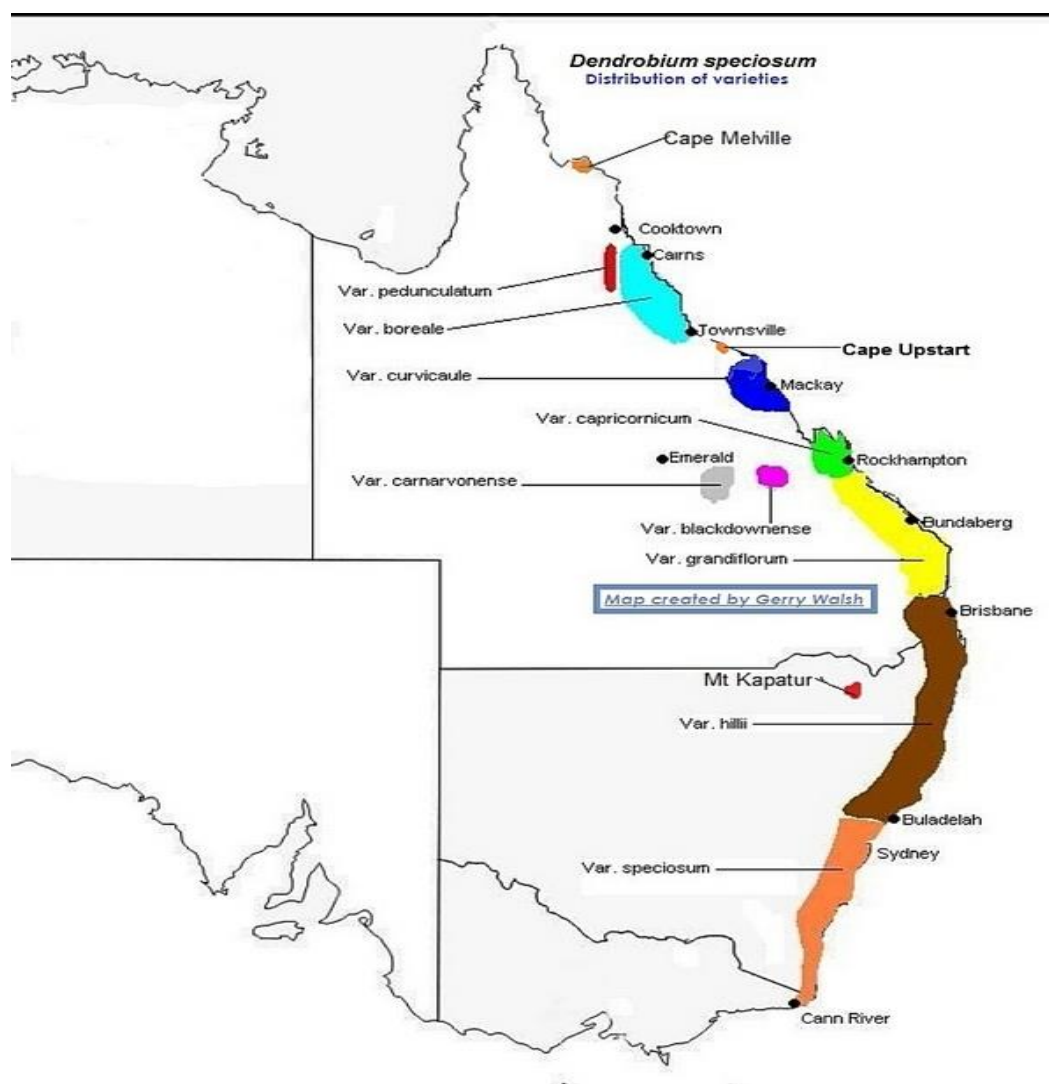
A former member of Concord Garden club has donated a quantity of orchid to our society. These plants need a little TLC and a "Repotting Bee" in proposed for 7th April 2024 at Kathy's starting from 10am and Lunch will be provided.

Meeting broke for Supper.

Lecture:

Kathy introduced Gary Hodder to give his presentation on Dendrobium Speciosum & Australian Natives Gary started his presentation with a slide showing the distribution of Dendrobium speciosum down the entire East coast of Australia. The species *Dendrobium speciosum* was first formally described in 1804 by **Sir James Edward Smith** (2 December 1759 – 17 March 1828) was an English botanist and founder of

the Linnean Society from a specimen found at Port Jackson and sent to him by **John White** (c. 1756 – 20 February 1832) who was an Irish surgeon and botanical collector. The description was published in *Exotic Botany*. The specific epithet (*speciosum*) is a Latin word meaning "beautiful", "splendid" or "showy".



As seen in the above map there are nine sub species shown which are,

Dendrobium speciosum var. speciosum
Dendrobium speciosum var. carnarvonense
Dendrobium speciosum var. pedunculatum
Dendrobium speciosum var. capricornicum
Dendrobium speciosum var. hillii

Dendrobium speciosum var. boreale
Dendrobium speciosum var. grandiflorum
Dendrobium speciosum var. blackdownense
Dendrobium speciosum var. curvicaule

Before 2006 there were only six sub species listed then boreale, capricornicum and blackdownense were added. David L Jones & Mark Clemens claimed there were twelve but the other three bancroftian, jonesii and nitidum were disputed by David Banks & Stephen Clemensha and are not in widespread use.

Gary described how speciosum grow in their natural habitat. Growing both Lithophytically & Epiphytically. In both cases plant traps leaf litter and water to sustain plant. Where it grows on rock it is found in crevasses and fault lines where leaf litter and mosses accumulate.

Gary told the story of how he was photographing speciosum flowers when a NPW officer asked what he was doing. He said he was doing an article on speciosum. The Officer advised he had been watching him for the past half hour. Gary then asked if the officer knew of any white flowered populations were. The NWP ranger got out a map and a piece of paper and overlaid the two and pointed out the places he needed to go. When asked why not just mark on the map, the ranger advised it was to keep the

locations secret. If he lost the map the location would be discovered but the piece of paper had no obvious location points so kept the locations secret.

Gary then spoke on how certain clonal names came about. Windermere, the original location of the plant was found is unknown but the story most widely remembered is that while working on building extensions at Lewisham Hospital in 1971, Peter Bond found the plant on the "ash tip" of the boiler at the Hospital. The story goes that it had been growing on a large tree which had been felled to make way for the building work. Peter took the plant home with him to Windermere Park near Morisset (Lake Macquarie) and named it after this location. There is some dispute about this and believe the plant came from the Hawkesbury Region

The other well known clonal name he mentioned was National White, which was named due to being found in the Royal National Park by Col Braddon for the Sutherland shire in the late 1970's, it is distinctive for ovaloid shaped leaves. It is noted that it is considered extinct in the wild as no further plants have been found.

Gary moved on to the other native dendrobiums showing slides of kingianum, ruppianum / jonesii, gracilicaule, falcorostrum, and monophyllum. Then onto hybrids and one of Gary's favourites Henk van den Berg's (Original DUNO owner) 2017 St Ives Fair where we were introduced to Avril's Gold 'Oscar'. Gary then showed a number of slides of various hybrids.

To finish off his talk he reminded members of the basic tenants of growing dendrobiums. They need good air movement and a free draining medium. The next area was all the problems can have with pests & diseases. And reminded everyone there are thirty-three known orchid viruses.

Kathy thanked Gary for his presentation.

Raffle:

The Raffle prize winners were Judy Major, Wendy Choy, Sharron McIlwain, Maria Grasso, Sheila Buchan, Karen Munro, Margaret Reavell, Kitt Reyes, Ingrid Allen, Kathy Koutsoukis and Robert Moon.

Closure:

The President closed the meeting at 9.40 pm thanking members for attending and wished everyone a safe journey home and hope to see you Sunday at the picnic.

Extract from April 2023 Bulletin

"It was moved that Standing Orders be suspended so that the President & Treasurer's Annual Reports could be presented and the Election of Office Bearers for the year 2023-2024 be held.

Moved Jonathan Tran Seconded Robyn McEwen Carried

President's Annual Report:

Fedora Pristov read the President's Annual Report.

This past year, I am happy to report, has been our most normal since the Covid Pandemic struck. Because of the Covid restrictions our Christmas Party for 2021 was cancelled but the Committee decided that members needed a lift and so at the end of March 2022 decided to have a presentation night which was enjoyed by all who attended.

We then went into our Anzac Tribute which was greatly appreciated by Club Five Dock RSL and the members.

May 2022 saw us back at Leichhardt MarketPlace for our Autumn / Mothers' Day Show which was extraordinarily successful.

August 2022, we participated in the Ferragosto Festival at Five Dock and as usual were allocated a stall by Club Five Dock RSL. Which was very profitable.

September 2022 was a terribly busy month as we were invited by Bunnings Rydalmere & Gladesville Stores to participate in their Spring Launch. Our Spring Show at Leichhardt MarketPlace which was again successful due to the wonderful support from our members and customers of the Centre.

The Calendar Year ended with our Christmas Party / Presentation Night at Club Five Dock RSL were a goodly number of our members and guests and was a tremendous success. The highlight of the evening

was the presentation to Joyce Duncan OAM of her Founding Member Badge. Joyce was very touched by this honour as she has been a support of this Society since it was formed by her Late Husband Dr Ian Duncan in 1967

Unfortunately, our Picnic Day at Kokoda Memorial Walkway Shed was cancelled as the Kokoda Café was Closed. Our annual bus trip was also cancelled due to the excessive cost of hiring a bus a limited range we could go in the time we could hire it.

We did however manage to hold several “Steak Nights” for our members to socialise with each other. Finally, I would like to thank the members who have all worked together to ensure we have a happy and functional committee which contributes to our success.

Fedora Pristov our Vice President also looks after our supper which we all enjoy.

Robert Moon our hard-working Secretary for many years always does an excellent job and we appreciate his contribution.

Margaret Reavell our Treasurer keeps a firm and competent hand on our finances.

Merv Maher, Peter & Dorothy Booth, Jonathan Tran & John Happ are committee members who complete all the tasks that need doing at our monthly meetings & Shows.

Finally, a big thank you to Peter & Jane D’Olier who do so much work for our society, Judging Point Scores, Guest Speakers, slide shows and the list goes on. Jane is currently working on a new and improved Website and Peter is the Chairperson of the new Orchid Show Orchids Central.

Sadly, Brian & Christine Frugtniet have resigned from the committee due to health issues. They have both supported the society for many years and we thank them for all their hard work.

I also wanted to thank all the many members who are not on the committee but help at all the shows, assist with supper, and give informative talks. I think this attitude ensures that our society will continue to thrive, and this coming year will be an enjoyable and exciting one.

Thank you.

Treasurer’s Annual Report:

The Treasurer tabled the report prepared by our Auditor. Margaret asked if there were any questions about the report and advised that copies of the Statement were available, and she would be available to answer further questions after review.

Fedora then asked George Yung to act as returning officer on this occasion.

The Returning Officer advised that nominations for the various position had been received in accordance with our constitution and that there was no legal impediment to any of the persons standing for election. George then asked for any further nominations from the floor.

There were no further nominations received.

There being no need for a ballot for any position, the returning officer put the matter to the members for their approval. The matter was put to the members and there being no objections, the Returning Officer declared the following persons elected to the positions for the year 2023-2024.

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	Peter D’Olier	Merv Maher	Jonathan Tran

Fedora thanked George for his assistance. George wished the new committee well, for the ensuing year.

Resumption of Standing Orders:

The President moved that Standing Orders be resumed.

Carried

The March 2023 Monthly Meeting was resumed.”

End of Extract from April 2023 Bulletin

Point Score February 2024			
Open			
Class 4 Laeliinae (Cattleya) 66-110mm		Class 22 Oncidiinae under 35mm	
1. C. Mari's Magic 'Chief Satisfaction'	S&L Campagna	1. <i>Onc.</i> Kaiulanii	N&D Tzelis
2. C. Mari's Song	J. Tran	Class 23 Oncidiinae 36-60mm	
3. C. Pink Flush	L. Harris	1. <i>Onc.</i> Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate'	N&D Tzelis
Class 5 Laeliinae (Cattleya) Mini up to 65mm		2. <i>Onc.</i> Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate'	S&L Campagna
1. C. Chief Gem 'Red Jewel'	P&J D'Olier	3. <i>Onc.</i> Sharry Baby	L. Harris
Class 6 Laeliinae (Cattleya) Cluster 5+Flowers		Class 24 Oncidiinae over 61mm	
1. <i>Ctt.</i> Towering Inferno 'Geoff'	J. Tran	1. <i>Bcd.</i> Gilded Tower 'Mystic Haze'	P. La
2. <i>Ctt.</i> Chocolate Drop 'Kodama'	P. La	2. Unknown	GJ&SW Cook
3. Unknown	L. Harris	3. Unknown	GJ&SW Cook
Class 7a Laeliinae (Cattleya) Species		Class 28 Miscellaneous Hybrids not listed	
1. <i>L. sanguilobia</i>	P&J D'Olier	1. <i>Z.</i> Jumpin Jack	G. Hodder
2. <i>Gur. bowringiana</i>	P. La	2. <i>Z.</i> Jumpin Jack	S&L Campagna
3. <i>L. longipes</i>	P&J D'Olier	Class 29 Miniature Species & Hybrids under 20mm	
Class 7b Laeliinae Species Other than Cattleya		1. <i>Coel. longirachis</i>	P&J D'Olier
1. <i>Epi. diffusum</i>	D&P Booth	Class 33 Australian Sarcanthinae Hybrids	
2. <i>Psh. cocleata</i>	P. La	1. <i>Sarco.</i> Eclipse	S&L Campagna
3. <i>E. alata</i>	P&J D'Olier	Class 36 Australasian Hybrids	
Class 10 Cyrtopodiaceae Species		1. <i>Den.</i> Peewah Twist	P&J D'Olier
1. <i>Paph. primulinum</i> x sib	J. Tran	Novice	
Class 14 Monopodia/Vandaceous Hybrids		Class 38 Novice Dendrobium	
1. <i>Prra.</i> Bangkok Sunset	P&J D'Olier	1. <i>Den. dearei</i>	Kelly Xu
Class 15 Coelogyninae Species		Class 39 Novice Laeliinae	
1. <i>Ddc. magnum</i>	J. Costa	1. <i>Rlc.</i> Burdekin Delight 'Dreamtime'	I. Leong
2. <i>Ddc. magnum</i> 'P.K.'	K. Koutsoukis	Class 47 Novice Oncidiinae Species & Hybrids	
3. <i>Ddc. latifolium</i>	S&L Campagna	1. <i>Onc.</i> Pacific Lust 'Lady Chatterly'	K. Munro
Class 18 Phalaenopsis Novelty up to 75mm		2. <i>Milt.</i> Honolulu 'Warne's Best'	I. Leong
1. Unknown	D&P Booth	3. Unknown	I. Leong
Class 19 Pleurothallidinae Species		Number of plants benched 55	
1. <i>Acia. prolifera</i>	P&J D'Olier		
Class 21 Oncidiinae Species			
1. <i>Milt. spectabilis</i> var. <i>moreliana</i>	J. Costa		
2. <i>Milt. clowesii</i>	N&D Tzelis		
3. <i>Milt. clowesii</i>	C. Zappia		

GENERAL NOTICES

Pursuant to **Clauses 11 and 12 of the Five Dock RSL Orchid Society Inc Constitution**, notice is hereby given, that on Thursday 28th March 2024, the Annual General Meeting of the Five Dock RSL Orchid Society, will be held for the purpose of Tabling the Annual Reports of the President & Treasurer and to Vote for the Election of Office Bearers for 2024-2025

Please note that voting at the AGM will be in accordance with **Clause 14 of our Constitution**, which is in person voting only.

There were no Special Resolution requests received in writing by the Secretary, under **Division 3 Clause 39 (1) (a) of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009** No 7.

The following nominations have been received and are compliant with **Clause 5 (c) of our Constitution** and were received in the hands of the Secretary, at 5pm Thursday 15th March 2024

The Nominations for Positions 2024-2025 are -

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	Peter D'Olier	Merv Maher	Jonathan Tran

Dates for the Diary

22nd March 2024	Sydney Royal Easter Show to 2nd April 2024
28th March 2024	Monthly Meeting & AGM
14th April 2024	Manly Warringah Orchid Society Orchid Auction Cromer
20th April 2024	Anzac Tribute at Club Five Dock RSL Foyer
25th April 2024	Monthly Meeting
08th May 2024	Autumn Show Marketplace Leichhardt set up.
17th May 2024	Orchids Out West
23rd May 2024	Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging
11th June 2024	Friendship Night at Club Five Dock RSL
27th June 2024	Monthly Meeting
29th June 2024	Mingara Orchid Fair & Show
25th July 2024	Monthly Meeting
9th August 2024	National Orchid Extravaganza Arena Sports Club Yagoona
16th August 2024	St Ives Orchid Fair TBC
18th August 2024	Ferragosto Great North Rd Five Dock
22nd August 2024	Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging
11th September 2024	Spring Show Marketplace Leichhardt set up.
26th September 2024	Monthly Meeting
04th October 2024	Orchids Central at Club Condell Park, Bankstown
08th October 2024	Friendship Night at Club Five Dock RSL
24th October 2024	Monthly Meeting
10th November 2024	Manly Warringah Orchid Society Orchid Auction Cromer
28th November 2024	Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging
07th December 2024	Presentation Night / Christmas Party, Club Five Dock RSL

Five Dock RSL Orchid Society
Anzac Tribute, Show Schedule
In the Foyer of Club Five Dock RSL
20th to 23rd April 2024

Open Classes

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| 1. Cymbidium | 14. Oncidiinae Species |
| 2. Laeliinae (Cattleya) – Mini up to 65mm | 15. Oncidiinae under 35mm |
| 3. Laeliinae (Cattleya) – 66 – 110mm | 16. Oncidiinae 36-60mm |
| 4. Laeliinae (Cattleya) – Cluster 5+ Flowers | 17. Oncidiinae over 61mm |
| 5. Laeliinae (Cattleya) – Exhibition | 18. Species America |
| 6. Laeliinae (Cattleya) – Species | 19. Species Asia & Other |
| 7. Dendrobium Species (Not Australian) | 20. Miscellaneous Hybrids – Not listed. |
| 8. Dendrobium Hybrids (Not Australian) | 21. Australasian Species |
| 9. Cyripedioideae Species & Hybrids | 22. Australasian Hybrids |
| 10. Monopodial/Vandaceous Species & Hybrids | 23. Specimen Minimum of 5 Racemes |
| 11. Coelogyninae Species & Hybrids | |
| 12. Phalaenopsis Species & Hybrids | |
| 13. Pleurothallidinae Species & Hybrids | |

Novice Classes

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| 24. Novice Hybrids |
| 25. Novice Species. |

Prize Money:

Grand Champion \$75 Reserve Champion \$35 Novice Champion \$35

Champions: Cattleya, Dendrobium, Oncidium, Species and Other Hybrids \$25 each.

Classes 1st \$10 2nd \$5

Set Up Display – Saturday 20th April 2024 from 10.00am to 11.30 Noon

Judging will take place from 12.00pm Noon Saturday 20th April 2024

Pull Down of Display – Tuesday 23rd April 2024 after 10am

