

FIVE DOCK RSL ORCHID SOCIETY INC MARCH 2023 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 23rd March 2023 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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Guest Lecturer Peter D'Olier on South American Phragmipediums

President's Report

As we approach April, I hope all members are preparing their plants for our Anzac Tribute at Club Five Dock RSL Foyer on Saturday 22nd April, with benching between 10am & midday. Judging will take place shortly thereafter. Please make sure you fill in your benching sheet, spare copies will be available at our next meeting. Pull down of the display will be on 26th April at 10am.

I have been advised by the Club Five Dock RSL Sub Branch that the luncheon after the commemoration Ceremony at Five Dock Park on Sunday 23rd April will be by invitation only. Our Picnic this year will be held on Sunday 30th April at Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway shed which has been booked and confirmed. We would love to see as many members as possible attend this social day. The Society will supply the food but not alcohol. If you wish to imbibe you are welcome to bring your own. We need to know by our April Meeting, how many people are attending, for catering purposes, guests are welcome.

Confirmation has been received for our Mother's Day/ Autumn Show at Leichhardt MarketPlace. Setup will be Wednesday 10th May from 4.30pm to 7pm followed by Judging and after which light refreshments will be served.

March is our AGM and would ask all our members to consider joining your committee. Sadly, we have lost 2 long time Committee members, Brian & Christine Frugniet, who have worked

tirelessly for our society for many years, but due to health concerns can no longer do so and we sincerely thank them for all their hard work.

Peter D'Olier will be our guest speaker this month. His topic will be Phragmipediums of South America

Many thanks to Jane D'Olier for her hard work to build our new website on top of her other duties for our society.

Hope to see you at our meeting on Thursday 23rd March 2023

Kathy Koutsoukis

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Minutes of the Monthly General Meeting held on 23rd February 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 and wished everyone a happy 2023. 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 26th January 2023 as circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of that night's proceedings.

Moved

George Yung

Seconded Robyn McEwen

Carried

Business arising:

There was no business arising nor corrections to 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.

General Business:

The Vice President reminded everyone present to sign the attendance register or insurance purposes, the Lucky Badge Draw & Covid tracing.

Fedora thanked those that added to the raffle and asked for those present to support the raffle as there are worthwhile prizes to be won.

The Vice president reminded members that annual subscriptions are now due and that only financial members would be permitted to vote at the AGM. Fedora further advised members that your committee would like more members to join the committee.

The Anzac Tribute will be set up on Saturday morning 22nd April 2023 from 10am and the commemoration service will be held on Sunday 23rd April 2023 at Five Dock Park Corner of Park Rd & First Avenue opposite Domremy College.

Our BBQ for 2023 will be held 30th April 2023, 9am to 3pm at Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway Shed, Concord reminder that food will be supplied but no alcohol BYO if you want to imbibe and to bring something sweet for Desert Disposable plates & Cutlery will be available but suggest bring your own to reduce waste.

Our Guest Speaker at our April Meeting will be Jan Roberts

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer presented her monthly report and advised that the society was solvent and could meet all our known debts and tabled the Report.

The meeting broke for supper.

Lecture:

Kathy introduced Gary Hodder and his lecture on South-East Asian Dendrobiums

Gary reminded members that these orchids have two seasons Wet and Dry, their rest period where they get no water. The next issue Gary raised was the numerous & differing forms of each of the species.

D. chrysotoxum was first mentioned with nine distinct forms. Next thrysiflorum with white /yellow flowers and usually found on eastern side of trees. D farmeri photo showed alba form. D densiflorum sometimes known as the pineapple orchid due to the tight flowers vaguely resembling a pineapple. Next was D guibertii which frequently is confused with densiflorum the difference being densiflorum has longer canes. The other species confused with densiflorum is amabile which is one of the Parents of D Mousmee. D sulcatum with its flat flowers and D fimbriatum with its frilled labellum. D clavatum with its waxy leaves. D denneanum var oculatum very shiny. Den griffithianum & D moschatum with its pouch like labellum sometimes referred to as synonymous with D pulchellum with its striped pseudobulbs. Then chrysotoxum var sauvisium, chrysanthum, lindleyi, jenkinsii and aggregatum.

Gary then went into the Hybrids of these orchids and into the controversy of Dendrobium Mousmee. It is not possible to get the flower or leaf shape from the purported parents of some of the plants labelled as Mousmee. The recorded registered parents are [Den. amabile](#) x [Den. thrysiflorum](#) and the hybrid with the clonal name Lloyd Bradford is not Mousmee. But the ones with the clonal names of either McClintock or Dorray have been confirmed by Vacherot-Lecoufle Nursery in Southern France as the real Dendrobium Mousmee. It is the leaf shape of the amabile that is the proof.

Gary proceeded to show some of his crosses, and they were amazing especial old crosses like Gatton Sunray.

Gary finished with fertiliser usage and reminder that water in winter will not produce flowers but new Keki's.

Last reminder that currently there are thirty-three different viruses in orchids in the Australian Orchid collections and there is NO TREATMENT! The only way to treat is "fertilise" with Roundup then stick **everything** in the rubbish bin pot, mix & plant.

Lucky Badge:

Was won by Nestor Tzelis

Raffle:

Winners were Iris Leong, Louise Campagna, Peter D'Olier (x3), Fedora Pristov (x3), Ingrid Allen (x2), Robert Moon, Sam Campagna, and Dora Tzelis

Closure:

The President closed the meeting at 9.35 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.

Dates for the Diary

23 rd March 2023	Monthly Meeting & AGM
22 nd April 2023	Anzac Tribute at Club Five Dock RSL Foyer
27 th April 2023	Monthly Meeting
30 th April 2023	BBQ Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway Concord
10 th May 2023	Autumn Show Marketplace Leichhardt
25 th May 2023	Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging
26 th May 2023	Orchids Out West Hawkesbury Racecourse, Clarendon
22 nd June 2023	Monthly Meeting
24 th June 2023	Mingara Orchid Club Fair & Show, Tumbi Umbi
29 th June 2023	Steak Night at Club Five Dock RSL
27 th July 2023	Monthly Meeting
11 th August 2023 of NSW	National Orchid Extravaganza & Paphiopedilum Society
15 th August 2023	Ferragosto Fair, Great North Road, Five Dock
18 th August 2023 Ives	St Ives Orchid Fair St Ives Showground Mona Vale Rd St Ives
24 th August 2023	Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging
13 th September 2023	Spring Show Marketplace Leichhardt (Dates TBC)
28 th September 2023	Monthly Meeting
5 th October 2023	Steak Night at Club Five Dock RSL
13 th October 2023	Orchids Central at Club Condell Park, Bankstown
26 th October 2023	Monthly Meeting
23 rd November 2023	Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging
2 nd December 2023 RSL	Presentation Night / Christmas Party, Club Five Dock

Clause 13 (c) of our constitution, was used as the justification for the postponement of our AGM from March to April 2022. There was only about half of the required number of members present to form a quorum for the meeting. The poor turn out was due to very inclement weather (very heavy rain storm)

Clause 13 (c) reads:

At the Annual General Meeting and at Special General meetings of the Society one third of the membership to be present at the meeting, shall form a quorum.

At that time, the quorum value stood at 25 financial members. For the 2023 AGM it is 28.

Extract from May 2022 Bulletin, 2022 AGM

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 2022-23 be held.

Moved Peter Booth Seconded John Happ Carried

President's Annual Report:

After our AGM in 2021 we were all expecting that we could start to resume our activities and lead normal lives. All was going well when we did our Anzac Tribute at Club Five Dock RSL. The members put on a lovely display which was greatly appreciated by The Club's management & Members.

We then went on to hold our Autumn (Mother's Day) Show at Marketplace Leichhardt which was highly successful. It was not long after this that the balloon burst, and we all went back into lockdown.

No Ferragosto Festival in August, No Spring Show at Leichhardt, and No meetings till October 2022.

Due to members being apprehensive about going out to meetings and some terrible weather, the committee decided to cancel the Christmas Party due to the insufficient time to organise and get definite numbers attending.

Through all this we have maintained a strong committee and I would like to thank Robert Moon, our secretary, who does the hard yards producing our monthly bulletin and correspondence.

Margaret Reavell our treasurer watches our finances and ensures we always have funds available to pursue our activities.

Fedora Pristov our Vice President has done an excellent job filling in for me and still organise our lovely suppers that are always enjoyed by the members.

Merv Maher is always at our meetings early to set up the chairs & benching tables.

Brian & Christine Frugniet along with Peter & Dorothy Booth are 2 couples who can always be relied upon to fill any duties asked of them, such as helping with supper selling raffle tickets and taking around the Attendance sheet and helping with the growing competition.

It is difficult to express our gratitude to Peter & Jane D'Olier, who although not on the committee, do so much for our society. Peter is our immediate Past President and has served as Treasurer. Peter also judges with Jane at our monthly meetings. Jane is responsible for maintaining our website and does the photography and with Peter, they are happy to give talks on orchids all over the world. We are the beneficiaries of their travels they have had and are willing to share their experiences with us.

I feel greatly confident that 2022 will be a more rewarding and successful year than 2021.

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.

The President asked Dora Tzelis 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. Dora 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 2022-2023

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Christine Frugtniet Merv Maher

Kathy thanked for Dora for her assistance. Dora wished the new Committee well for the ensuing year.

Resumption of Standing Orders:

The President moved that Standing Orders be resumed.

Carried

The May 2022 Monthly Meeting was resumed.

GENERAL NOTICES

Pursuant to **Clauses 11 and 12 of the Five Dock RSL Orchid Society Inc Constitution**, notice is hereby given, that on Thursday 23rd March 2023 at **Concord Community Centre, 1A Gipps Street, Concord, NSW**, the Annual General Meeting of the Five Dock RSL Orchid Society Inc, will be held for the purpose of the Presentation of the Annual Reports of the President & Treasurer and to Elect the Office Bearers for 2023-2024.

Please note that voting at the AGM will be in accordance with **Clause 14 of our Constitution**,

Nominations for all committee positions have now closed subject to **Clause 5 (c) of our Constitution**. I have been advised the current members of the committee are eligible and willing to stand for re-election. Christine & Brian Frugtniet are not seeking re-election to their committee positions.

Current nominations are:

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