

FIVE DOCK RSL ORCHID SOCIETY INC AUGUST 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 22nd August 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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This Month is Growing Competition Judging

The Plant for judging is Rlc Dream Trader 'Wallacia' x Rlc Canyon Dusk 'Southern Cross'

RHS Registered as Rhyncholaeliocattleya Memoria Dr Alan Chong Yoong Hin in 2021

Den Auscobber 'Danielle' x Dingadee Gold AM/AOC judged at the November 2024 meeting

Presidents Report

By the time this bulletin goes to press we will have taken part in the Ferragosto Festival held on Sunday 18th August at Five Dock. It is always a funday and we love talking to the public to promote our Orchid Society. A big thank you to Club Five Dock RSL for giving us a stall and providing parking.

As mentioned in the last bulletin, our next activities are the Spring Launches at Bunnings Rydalmere on Saturday 24th August & Gladesville on Saturday 31st August 2024. These days where we will be doing repotting demonstrations, help to promote our society & orchid growing.

Straight after the spring launches, we go into our Spring Show at Leichhardt MarketPlace with set up on Wednesday 4th September, Judging Thursday Morning 5th September at 9am and the show runs through to Saturday evening 7th September 2024, Teardown after 5pm.

I will have a duty roster at our meeting on Thursday and hope members will volunteer to do some duty. If everyone does a little bit and shares the work load it will all work out well. We want to put on a good show, so I hope members have been preparing their plants.

Once our Spring show is over, we need to prepare for Orchids Central our Big show set up on Thursday 3rd October to Sunday 6th October 2024 We want to put on a good display, so we need members to supply plants. Here again I am asking members to help the committee by volunteering for duty. Each society has been asked to supply volunteers to assist the vendors with moving in their stock while setting up their respective displays. We have been allocated Saturday for Security at the show so we will need volunteers for that as well. I will have a duty roster for Orchids Central at our meeting.

Our guest speaker this month will be Ken Siew who will be speaking on how to do displays at shows. Ken did the winning display last year at Orchids Central for OSNSW. Hope to see you at the meeting

Kathy Koutsoukis

FIVE DOCK RSL ORCHID SOCIETY INC
Minutes of the Monthly General Meeting held on 25th July 2024,
at Concord Community Centre, 1A Gipps Street, Concord

Opening:

The President declared the meeting open at 7.40pm and welcomed all members and our guest. Kathy 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 23rd June 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, 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 and advised we were solvent & could meet all our known expenses.

General Business:

The President asked had everyone present signed the attendance register for insurance purposes, Covid 19 tracing, and the lucky badge draw.

Kathy asked if anyone wanted more raffle tickets and pointed out the quality of our Raffle prizes and thanked those who donated plants for prizes.

Kathy reminded everyone of the few Growing Competition plants still available unsold will be added to the raffle over the next few months

The President handed out prize money from the shows to members that had not been at previous month's meetings.

The Spring show at Leichhardt Market place set up on Wednesday Evening 4th September 2024, a mere 6 week's away and Kathy urged members to prepare their plants for the display & surplus plants (preferably in flower) for the sales table to ensure the success of the show.

The other show we will be displaying at is Orchids Central at Condell Park set up Thursday 3rd October 2024 from 10.30am to 6pm with Judging from 6.45pm. Show will run Friday to Sunday, and we need volunteers to help the vendors unload and carry their plants to the sales area on Thursday Morning and Saturday for Security & Various other Duties Please consider helping by putting your name on the roster doing the rounds to next month.

Meeting broke for Supper.

Lecture:

Kathy introduced Trevor Yee a member of this society, a senior Judge and President of the Paph Society Trevor opened his presentation with a slide listing the Paphiopedilums & Cypripediums native to Vietnam. He explained they are not hard to grow if you replicate the habitat of the native locale.

Trevor advised the credit for the photos is Canh Chu Xuan, who was a speaker at the recent World Orchid Conference.

Trevor explained the typical habitat was mountain forests with most living on rocks. To get some shots of the orchids up close, Cahn had to scale cliffs Trek through mud flats. One shot showed him lashed to a tree to take a shot of a plant.

Trevor showed a slide of the plant that is named after Cahn, *Paph canhii* in-situ. It is a small lithophyte hanging off a cliff face. Cahn uses his iPhone to record the habitat, Altitude, temperature, light. The slide showed it grew in Crevasses of the rock, where the light was dappled and the area moist. The next slide showed the size difference compared to *P hirsutissimum*, *canhii* is so much smaller. The slides then featured the rest of the Paphs in their native habitat

Paphiopedilum appletonianum, *armeniaceum*, *barbigerum*, *canhii*, *concolor*, *delanatii dianthum*, *emersonii*, *godefroyae*, *gratrixianum*, *helenae*, *henryanum*, *hirsutissimum*, *insigne*, *jackii*, *malipoense*, *micranthum*, *purpuatum*, *spicerianum*, *tranlienianum*, *venustum* and *villosum*. *Cypripedium subtropicum*, and *lentiginum* and the natural *Paphiopedilum* hybrids X *Hermanii* (*helenae* x *hirsutissimum*), and X *Aspersum* (*barbigerum* x *henryanum*).

Trevor bought a number of his own plants to show how they actually looked and gave an advertisement for The *Paphiopedilum* Society of NSW that meets on the third Wednesday of every month of the year at 7.30 pm at the Ermington Community Hall, Corner of Jackson St & River Road, Ermington everyone is welcome. He mentioned how controversial plant conservation is especially *Phrag kovachii* and explained how an American Michael Kovach brought a piece from a roadside vendor and smuggled it into the USA.

Kathy thanked Trevor for his magnificent presentation.

Secretary's Note

Further to Trevor's mention of *Phrag kovachii*, *Phragmipediums* are protected under the CITES treaty, so any trade or possession that doesn't comply with CITES standards is deemed to be illegal.

An investigation led by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and assisted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Customs Service and the then CITES authority in Peru (INRENA) among others, brought Kovach to trial.

Michael Kovach was sentenced to 2 years' probation and fined \$1000. While Selby Botanic Gardens saw its CITES permit revoked, was fine \$5000, and Wesley Higgins received a 6-month restriction order.

A nomenclatural proposal was put forward in 2006 to declare the name *Phragmipedium kovachii* invalid and the alternate name *Phrag peruvianum* (Eric Christenson) and to add its original *ad hoc* publication "Selbyana vol. 23 Supplement" to the "opera utique oppressa" a suppressed work that is not taxonomically valid. (ICN Appendix VI). Counterarguments were presented in several articles.

The Nomenclature Committee for Vascular Plants the proposal was declined, the finding "if all names based on specimens illegally collected or named after persons who have acted unwisely ... were to be rejected, we might have some major nomenclatural instability."

In a different vein with all the controversy of the US elections & Tim Walz, it is interesting to note the State of Minesota's State Flower is *Cypripedium reginae*.

Luck Badge Draw:

Was won by Jonathan Tran

Raffle:

The Raffle prize winners were Ingrid Allan(x2), Peter Booth, Margaret Reavell, Judy Major, Mariana Patchett, Mark Griffiths, and Iris Leong

Closure:

The President closed the meeting at 9.20 pm thanking members for attending and wished everyone a safe journey home and asked for help to put the tables & Chairs away & vacuum up spilled potting media.

Point Score July 2024			
Open			
Class 1 Cymbidium over 90mm			Class 21 Oncidiinae Species
1. <i>Cym.</i> Barry Baker	N&D Tzelis	1. <i>Onc. sotoanum</i>	N&D Tzelis
Class 1A Cymbidium Intermediate 61-90mm			2. <i>Onc. baueri</i>
1. <i>Cym.</i> Dolly-Lin 'Chunky Ice'	L. Harris	Class 22 Oncidiinae under 35mm	
2. <i>Cym.</i> Arachnid	P&J D'Olier	1. <i>Onc.</i> Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	N&D Tzelis
3. <i>Cym.</i> Unknown	S&L Campagna	2. <i>Onc.</i> Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	S&L Campagna
Class 2 Cymbidium Miniature up to 60mm			Class 23 Oncidiinae 36-60mm
1. <i>Cym.</i> Pathfinder	S&L Campagna	1. <i>Oncsa.</i> Sydney Smith 'Green Monkey'	S&L Campagna
2. <i>Cym.</i> Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade'	N&D Tzelis	Class 24 Oncidiinae over 61mm	
Class 3 Laeliinae (Cattleya) Exhibition			1. <i>Brat.</i> Charles M. Fitch 'Izumi'
1. <i>Rlc.</i> Burdekin Storm 'Midnight'	J. Tran	2. <i>Onc.</i> Midnight Miracles 'Massai'	D&P Booth
2. <i>Rlc.</i> Dewy Forest 'Blumen Insel'	N&D Tzelis	Class 26 Species Asia	
Class 4 Laeliinae (Cattleya) 66-110mm			1. <i>Cal. vestita</i>
1. <i>C.</i> Unknown	S&L Campagna	Class 27 Species Other Areas	
Class 5 Laeliinae (Cattleya) Mini up to 65mm			1. <i>Bnt. speciosa</i>
1. <i>C.</i> Flava-Psyche	P&J D'Olier	Class 28 Miscellaneous Hybrids not Listed	
Class 6 Laeliinae (Cattleya) Cluster 5+Flowers			1. <i>Z.</i> Debbie De Mello 'Honolulu Baby'
1. Unknown	J. Tran	2. <i>Z.</i> Unknown	S&L Campagna
Class 7a Laeliinae (Cattleya) Species			Class 32 Australian Epiphytes Hybrids
1. <i>Laelia anceps</i>	P&J D'Olier	1. <i>Den.</i> Grumpy Veil	L. Harris
2. <i>Laelia blumenscheimii</i>	P&J D'Olier	2. <i>Den.</i> Newbold Sheena's Beauty	D&P Booth
3. <i>Laelia anceps</i>	P&J D'Olier	3. <i>Den.</i> Esme Poulton 'Tinonee'	N&D Tzelis
Class 7b Laeliinae Species Other than Cattleya			Class 48 Seedling
1. <i>Din. polybulbon</i>	J. Costa	1. <i>Onc.</i> Tsiku Marguerite	K. Koutsoukis
2. <i>Din. polybulbon</i>	R. Moon	2. <i>Paph.</i> Cocoa Motto Kitty x Yi-Ying Twinkling Stars	K. Koutsoukis
Class 9 Paphiopedilum Other			3. <i>Den.</i> Gympie Fireworks
1. <i>Paph.</i> Lathamianum	J. Tran	Novice	
Class 10 Cyrtopodioidae Species			Class 37 Novice Cymbidium
1. <i>Paph. insigne</i>	S&L Campagna	1. <i>Cym.</i> Ruby Eyes	Kelly Xu
Class 13 Monopodial/Vandaceous Species			Class 38 Novice Dendrobium
1. <i>Rhy. gigantea</i>	P&J D'Olier	1. <i>Den. sulawesiense</i>	Kelly Xu
Class 15 Coelogyninae Species			2. <i>Den.</i> Cobber 'Yes Please'
1. <i>Ddc. arachnites</i>	K. Koutoukis	Class 47 Novice Oncidiinae Species & Hybrids	
2. <i>Ddc. wenzelii</i>	K. Koutoukis	1. <i>Onc.</i> Twinkle 'Pink Wax'	M Reavell
3. <i>Coel. lentiginosa</i>	P&J D'Olier	2. <i>Onc.</i> fimbriatum	Z. Leong
Class 17 Phalaenopsis Exhibition over 76mm			Number of plants benched 55
1. <i>Phal.</i> Unknown	J. Major		
Please Note			
<i>Cym.</i> Flaming Vulcan x <i>Cym.</i> Lunar Blaze = <i>Cym.</i> Barry Baker			
<i>Den.</i> Grumpy x <i>teretifolium</i> = <i>Den.</i> Grumpy Veil			
<i>Den.</i> Sheena x Aust. Rose-Beauty = <i>Den.</i> Newbold Sheena's Beauty			
<i>Onc. sotoanum</i> 'Josh' x Twinkle 'Lemon Jelly' = <i>Onc.</i> Tsiku Marguerite			

Dates for the Diary

22nd August 2024	Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging
04th September 2024	Spring Show Marketplace Leichhardt set up. To 5pm 7th Sept
26th September 2024	Monthly Meeting
03rd 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
23rd January 2025	Monthly Meeting
27th February 2025	Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging
27th March 2025	Monthly Meeting & AGM
19th April 2025	Anzac Tribute at Club Five Dock RSL Foyer TBC
24th April 2025	Monthly Meeting
07th May 2025	Autumn Show Marketplace Leichhardt TBC
23rd May 2025	Orchids Out West
22nd May 2025	Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging
26th June 2025	Monthly Meeting
24th July 2025	Monthly Meeting
28th August 2025	Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging
11th September 2025	Spring Show Marketplace Leichhardt TBC
25th September 2025	Monthly Meeting
02nd October 2025	AOC Conference & Show Woolgoolga
23rd October 2025	Monthly Meeting
27th November 2025	Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging
07th December 2025	Presentation Night / Christmas Party, Club Five Dock RSL