

# **FIVE DOCK RSL ORCHID SOCIETY INC APRIL 2024 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 25<sup>th</sup> April 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

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**Website Coordinator: Jane D'Olier**

## **Presidents Report**

I would like to say a big thank you to all those members who brought their orchids to Club Five Dock RSL for our Annual Anzac Tribute for the Commemoration Ceremony tomorrow morning Sunday 21/4/2024. We ended up with a beautiful display as usual and Congratulations to Jonathan Tran who won the Grand Champion with Dora & Nestor winning the Reserve Champion. After judging Jane & Peter took Photos of the Display which will be available on our website. We adjourned to the lounge area where Thirteen members enjoyed lunch and socialised. Another great Day was had by all.

This of course follows on from our repotting day at my home where twenty-three members showed up and worked like little ants and we ended up repotting 250 pots of orchids of various genera. What an excellent group we have in our society, and a big thank you to all those who helped out.

Our next activity is our Autumn / Mother's Day Show at Leichhardt Market Place our set up will be as usual on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024, from 4.30pm till 8pm. Judging will be done Thursday Morning 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 commencing at 9am. Please ensure when you fill out the benching sheet you state which class you are benching the plant in, if in doubt ask our Show Marshal/ Committee for their assistance. During the Judging, Sales plants will be placed on two tables behind the elevators away from the display plants. At our next meeting it would be advantageous if those who can do duty at the show add their names to the duty roster for the show. As the adage goes many hands make light work.

Hope to see you all at our Anzac Day Meeting on Thursday

**Kathy Koutsoukis**

**FIVE DOCK RSL ORCHID SOCIETY INC**  
**Minutes of the Monthly General Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 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 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 as circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of that night's proceedings.

Moved                      Gary Hodder    Seconded                      John Costa    Carried

**Business arising:**

There was no business arising from the minutes However 3 "typos" were advised

**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 invoices presented.

**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 2024-2025 be held.**

Moved                      John Costa    Seconded                      Sam Campagna    Carried

**President's Annual Report:**

As I began writing this report, I became aware of what the committee & members of Five Dock RSL Orchid Society have achieved in the past year.

Our first activity of last year was on 3<sup>rd</sup> April when I gave a talk at Bunnings Rydalmere, this was followed by our display at Club Five Dock RSL for our Anzac Tribute annual event with Committee members attending the Commemoration ceremony the following day and supplying a wreath to lay at the Local Cenotaph. We were happy to become a founding society of Orchid Central Show at Club Condell Park with committee members from the five societies.

10<sup>th</sup> May saw us set up our Autumn/Mother's Day show at Leichhardt Marketplace. As usual the show was well received and remarkably successful.

At our June meeting Scott Barrie from Barrita Orchids gave a great talk on orchids & all the services he offers plus he brought lots of plants for sale.

Also, in June I gave a talk to Western Suburbs Community members. In July Fedora & I gave a talk at Parramatta Garden Club which resulted with some of their members attending our shows and meetings August was another full month with a talk at Bunnings Rydalmere, then a stall at Ferragosto Festival and later in the month saw representatives of our committee at the Spring Launches of Bunnings Rydalmere & Gladesville.

September saw us purchasing plants for sale at our Spring Show from Barrita Orchids, then the show set up and another talk at Bunnings Gladesville.

Marjorie Hogan from Concord Garden Club was unable to care for her orchids and with Fedora made several trips to pick up all her orchids which she donated to the society.

October saw a new era for Five Dock RSL Orchid society as we Displayed at Orchid Central Show. The show was a raging success due to the hard work of their committee, members of the organising societies and volunteers.

We arranged a bus trip to the Barrita Orchids Nursery Open Day & Sarcochilus show, for our members and guests. Many new additions to our collections were made with our stop for lunch at the Corrugated Café an enjoyable time.

Our final event for 2023 was our Fabulous Christmas / Presentation Night. With fifty-nine people enjoying three course meal and fabulous Raffle with several prizes donated by Bunnings & of Course Club Five Dock and our society. The Hawaiian Shirt contest gave everyone a good laugh.

2024 started with thirty-one people attending our January meeting with 34 in February.

25<sup>th</sup> February we held our Annual Picnic at Kokoda Track Memorial Shed with thirty people attending, great food & Company.

March we again helped Bunnings with talks on Orchid care and demonstrated how to repot orchids for about forty-five people.

In 2024 we have rebranded our Steak nights to Friendship Night and moved them from Thursday to Tuesdays as the Trivia Night made conversation & socialising exceedingly difficult. Our latest one was this month.

Coming up I have asked members to assist me to repot the donated orchid by Marjorie Hogan & Brian Frugtniet's collections on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April

I would like to thank all the members who contribute to our society especial those not on the committee, selling Raffle tickets, helping with supper, and putting away the tables & Chairs.

I would like to thank the committee, firstly the executives. To Margaret Reavell our treasurer for her amazing job with our finances. Fedora Pristov our Vice President who chairs part of the meeting along with the title of catering manager organising our supper and raffle prizes for our Presentation night.

Robert Moon our secretary who has the important job of keeping us up to date with all orchid activities along with the editing of our monthly Bulletin.

Peter & Jane D'Olier do so much work for our society even though they have other commitments. Peter & Jane are there every month Judging our plants and bringing along unusual species and hybrids for our edification. Jane has the added responsibility of the monthly point score tally & photography of class winners and with Peter are happy to give lectures on their recent travel adventures

Merv Maher has contributed by arriving early and setting up the tables & Chairs and always available for duty at shows and generally contribute to the committee.

Dorothy & Peter Booth long time committee members are always willing to help and do duty at our shows.

Lastly but by no means least Jonathan Tran Although he has only been on the committee for 2 years, he has always filled any role required whether assisting with supper doing duty, helping put tables & Chairs away and always with a smile. In closing it is privilege to be President of Five Dock RSL Orchid Society. 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 function 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 being no further nominations received, and 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 2024-2025.

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

**Resumption of Standing Orders:**

The President moved that Standing Orders be resumed.

**Carried**

**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.

The Anzac Tribute will set up in the Foyer of Club Five Dock RSL on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024 10am to 11.30am with Judging will take place from Noon, with members welcome to stay and socialise over lunch at their own expense.

A former member of Concord Garden Club, Marjorie Hogan, along with Brian Frugniet's collection have been donated to the society but need a little TLC and a "Repotting Bee" will be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at Kathy's starting from 10am with Morning tea & Lunch provided.

An update was given on the status of Orchid Central for 2024 with all plans proceeding. It was noted that 2025's dates will need to be changed so as not to conflict with AOC conference at Woolgoolga on the Far NSW North Coast in early October 2025.

Meeting broke for Supper.

**Lecture:**

Peter D'Olier gave an overview of plants they had given first place to in each class and asked the owners how they grew the plant

**Luck Badge Draw:**

Was won by Lisa Harris

**Raffle:**

The Raffle prize winners were Judy Major(x2), Sharon McIlwain, Lisa Harris, Sam Campagna, Philip La, John Costa, George Yung, and Robyn McEwen

**Closure:**

The President closed the meeting at 9.10 pm thanking members for attending and wished everyone a safe journey home and hope to see you Sunday at the potting bee.

Dates for the Diary

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



**Open Plant of the Night**  
**Gomesa crispa**  
**Owner Lisa Harris**



**Novice Plant of the Night**  
**Dendrobium secundum**  
**Owner Kelly Xu**

Point Score March 2024			
Open			
<b>Class 1A Cymbidium intermediate 61-90mm</b>			<b>Class 21 Oncidiinae Species</b>
1. <i>Cym . Ayodhaya</i>	L. Harris	1. <i>Gomesa crispa</i>	L. Harris
<b>Class 3 Laelinae (Cattleya) Exhibition</b>			2. <i>Milt. spectabilis</i> 'Big Ben'
1. <i>Rlc . Suvarnabhumi Delight</i> x <i>Rlc . Chia Lin</i> 'New City'	P. La	3. <i>Milt. clowesi</i>	J. Tran
<b>Class 4 Laelinae (Cattleya) 66-110mm</b>			<b>Class 22 Oncidiinae under 35mm</b>
1. <i>C. Dal's Tradition</i>	GJ & SW Cook	1. <i>Lsz . Lava Burst</i> 'Puanani'	S&L Campagna
2. <i>C. Royal Beau</i> 'Michelle'	P&J D'Olier	2. <i>Alcra . Samurai</i>	G. Hodder
3. <i>C. Monte Elegante</i> x <i>C. Caudabec Candy</i> 'Carmela'	GJ & SW Cook	<b>Class 24 Oncidiinae over 61mm</b>	
<b>Class 5 Laelinae (Cattleya) Mini up to 65mm</b>			1. <i>Brat . Aztec</i> 'Toni'
1. <i>Bc . Hoku Gem</i>	L. Harris	2. <i>Alcra . Winter Wonderland</i> 'White Fairy'	S&L Campagna
2. <i>Rth . Roy's Magic</i> 'Janet'	S&L Campagna	3. Unknown	C. Zappia
<b>Class 6 Laelinae (Cattleya) Cluster 5+Flowers</b>			<b>Class 25 Species America</b>
1. <i>Rlc . Village Chief North</i>	S&L Campagna	1. <i>Max. crassifolia</i>	P&J D'Olier
2. Unknown	J. Tran	<b>Class 26 Species Asia</b>	
3. <i>Ctt . Portiata</i>	L. Harris	1. <i>Eria javanica</i>	P&J D'Olier
<b>Class 7a Laelinae (Cattleya) Species</b>			<b>Class 27 Species Other Areas</b>
1. <i>C. labiata</i>	P&J D'Olier	1. <i>Stenaglottis longifolia</i>	P&J D'Olier
2. <i>C. alaorii</i>	P&J D'Olier	<b>Class 28 Miscellaneous Hybrids not Listed</b>	
3. <i>C. intermedia</i>	GJ & SW Cook	1. <i>Psh . Edith Arakawa</i>	P. La
<b>Class 7b Laelinae Species Other than Cattleya</b>			2. <i>Zga . Happy Bay</i>
1. <i>Psh. cochleata</i>	S&L Campagna	3. <i>Gptm . Arlene Armour</i> 'Conching'	G. Hodder
2. <i>Psh. cochleata</i>	P. La	<b>Class 31 Australian Epiphytes Species</b>	
3. <i>Psh. cochleata</i>	L. Harris	1. <i>Den. prenticei</i>	R. Moon
<b>Class 10 Cypripedioideae Species</b>			<b>Class 32 Australian Epiphytes Hybrids</b>
1. <i>Paph. spicerianum</i> 'St. Albans' x self	L. Harris	1. <i>Den . Special Surprise</i>	P. La
2. <i>Paph. primulinum</i> 'In Charm' x sib	J. Tran	2. <i>Den. Awesome</i> 'Henry'	P. La
<b>Class 14 Monopodial/Vandaceous Hybrids</b>			<b>Class 49 Specimen - minimum of 5 racemes</b>
1. <i>Vasco . Alice's Anie</i>	P&J D'Olier	1. <i>L. anceps</i>	J. Tran
2. <i>V. Somsri Nugger</i>	P&J D'Olier	<b>Novice</b>	
3. <i>V. Pachara Delight</i> 'Blue'	J. Costa	<b>Class 37 Novice Cymbidium</b>	
<b>Class 15 Coelogyninae Species</b>			1. Unknown
1. <i>Ddc. magnum</i>	P&J D'Olier	<b>Class 38 Novice Dendrobium</b>	
2. <i>Coel. usitana</i>	P&J D'Olier	1. <i>Den. secundum</i>	K. Xu
3. <i>Coel. ovalis</i>	R. Moon	<b>Class 39 Novice Laeliinae</b>	
3a. <i>Coel. tomentosa</i>	S&L Campagna	1. Unknown	K. Xu
<b>Class 18 Phalaenopsis Novelty up to 75mm</b>			<b>Class 47 Novice Oncidiinae Species &amp; Hybrids</b>
1. Unknown	D&P Booth	1. <i>Gomesa crispa</i>	K. Xu
2. Unknown	D&P Booth	2. <i>Brat . Charles M. Fitch</i>	K. Xu
<b>Class 19 Pleurothallinae Species</b>			
1. <i>Acianthera prolifera</i>	P&J D'Olier	<b>Number of plants benched 60</b>	



