

FIVE DOCK RSL ORCHID SOCIETY INC FEBUARY 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 February 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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This Month is Growing Competition Judging

The Plant for judging is Rlc Dream Trader 'Wallacia' x Rlc Canyon Dusk 'Southern Cross' The correct name for this cross is Rhyncholaeliocattleya Memoria Dr Alan Chong Yoong Hin.

Guest Lecturer Gary Hodder Deciduous Dendrobiums

President's Report

As we come to the end of Summer and soon, we will be into Autumn, we need to start planning for our coming events.

Our AGM will be held at our March Meeting, and I encourage all members to consider standing for committee. Our committee meetings are held straight after our monthly meeting so there is no second night out.

I hope members are getting their plants prepared for our Anzac Tribute Display in the Foyer of Club Five Dock RSL set up will be on Saturday 22nd April 2023 from 10am to noon when they will be judged. We will have confirmation of details regarding our Mother's Day / Autumn Show at Leichhardt Market Place. With regards to our Annual Picnic at Kokoda Track Memorial Shelter, with how we can book the shelter & BBQs a problem with the Closure of the Kiosk.

Our Guest Speaker this month is by Gary Hodder on Deciduous Dendrobiums. He has a wealth of knowledge on this subject and I am looking forward to his presentation

One final thing Don't forget to bring your Judging competition plant labelled Rlc Dream Trader 'Wallacia' x Rlc Canyon Dusk 'Southern Cross'

Hope to see you all at our meeting

Kathy Koutsoukis

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Minutes of the Monthly General Meeting held on 26th January 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 24th November 2022 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 or 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 promoting various "Garden" tours. Letter of thanks for the presentation from Joyce Duncan.

General Business:

The Vice President reminded everyone present to sign the attendance for 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 some fabulous prizes to be won.

Fedora then asked Peter to explain the new benching classes. Peter was further asked to explain our involvement with the new Show this October, to be named Orchids Central. Peter advised this would be a collaboration between Us, Fairfield, Bankstown, Eastern Suburbs and NSW Societies and that it would replace the Southern Orchid Spectacular held at Sutherland. The reasoning behind the new name & location Club Condell Park was the former location was not conducive to other orchid societies participation. The new venture had more societies involved and location was more central for a larger portion of Societies in the region it is hoped there will be greater participation from the Sydney Metropolitan Affiliated societies. The steering committee has been set up and is working through the running of this proposed annual event. One major change is the demographic of this area.

Our first display of the year will be our Anzac Tribute Setup will be Saturday Morning 22nd April 2023 with Display being dismantled Wednesday 26th April 2023 Our Monthly Meeting being the next day.

Issues have arisen regarding our annual BBQ as there has been no one to take over the Kiosk and booking the use of the BBQ plates & Shed has been problematic. More details will be coming when the issues have been resolved.

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:

In view of our upcoming displays at Club Five Dock & Condell Park Jane thought it appropriate to show what sorts of displays are presented at World Orchid Conferences where the "Big Boys" are capable of.

Jane showed slides from the 20th World Orchid Conference in Singapore in 2011.

Jane's first slide was of Papua New Guinea's display with huge masks a crocodile & canoe it was a Huge display and it was the runner up in the particular display class.

Then were slides of various floral art displays. We have come to expect 3-meter-long Phalaenopsis racemes, but these are only for display as they are considered to manipulated to be fairly judged. Still, they are very impressive. There was a huge range of subjects from a Pagoda to a Hut, Waterfall centre piece and a hill Fortress, to Statues among the plants. They were all works of art. Most plants in display were intact but the NSW Display and WA's display which had a backdrop of a Specimen Dendrobium speciosum with a massive floral load were all cut flowers. The NZ entry had 2 huge Tree Ferns not sure if they were artificial. Then slides of the Visual Art displays.

Jane then showed the tourist side of Singapore starting with the Marina Bay Sands Hotel with its three towers & topped with an infinity pool & restaurant. Next came the Gardens by the Bay & the Flower Dome. With huge areas for permanent displays. The ubiquitous Raffles Hotel surrounded by Highrise building the last vestiges of Singapore's colonial past.

Kathy thanked Jane for her presentation.

Lucky Badge:

Was won by Alice Pham

Raffle:

Winners were John Costa, Sam Campagna (x2), Iris Leong (x2), Marianna Patchett, Robert Moon, and Sheena Lee.

Closure:

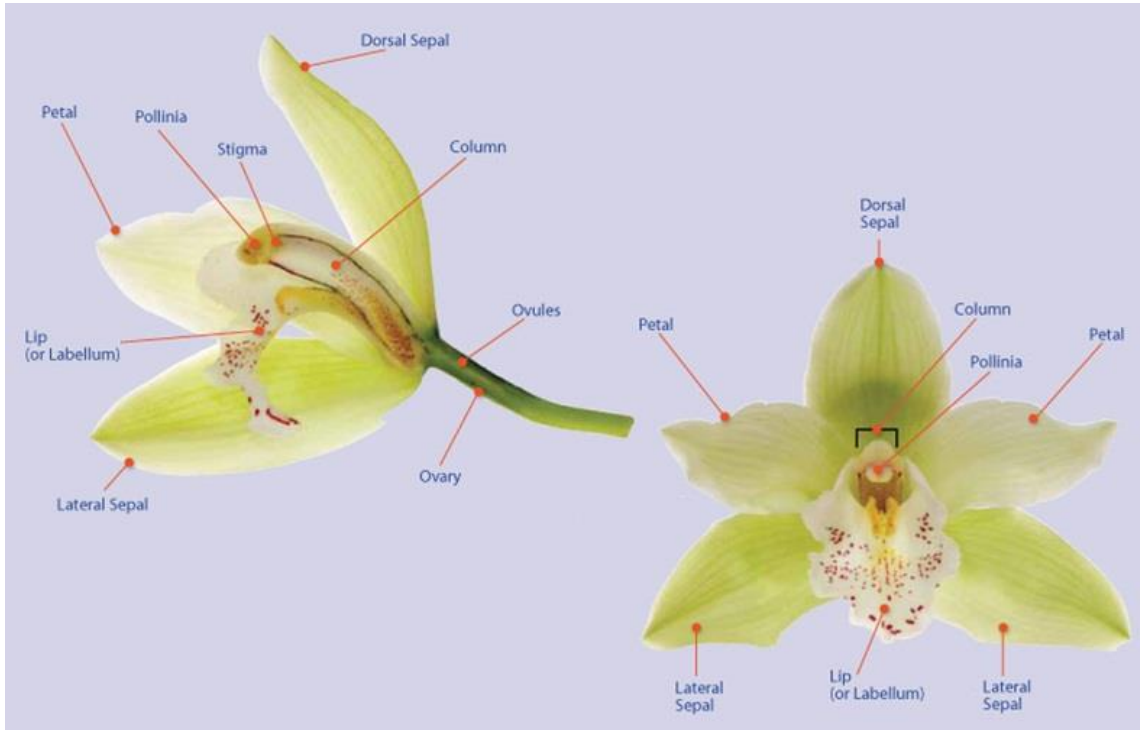
The President closed the meeting at 9.10 pm thanking members for attending and asking members to assist with putting away the tables & chairs and vacuuming the carpet. Kathy further wished everyone a safe journey home.

Dates for the Diary

23rd February 2023	Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging
2nd March 2023	Steak Night at Club Five Dock RSL
23rd March 2023	Monthly Meeting & AGM
22nd April 2023	Anzac Tribute at Club Five Dock RSL Foyer
27th April 2023	Monthly Meeting
10th May 2023	Autumn Show Marketplace Leichhardt TBC
25th May 2023	Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging
26th May 2023	Orchids Out West Hawkesbury Showground
22nd June 2023	Monthly Meeting
29th June 2023	Steak Night at Club Five Dock RSL
27th July 2023	Monthly Meeting
24th August 2023	Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging
13th September 2023	Spring Show Marketplace Leichhardt TBC
28th September 2023	Monthly Meeting
5th October 2023	Steak Night at Club Five Dock RSL
13th October 2023	Orchids Central at Club Condell Park, Bankstown
26th October 2023	Monthly Meeting
23rd November 2023	Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging
2nd December 2023	Presentation Night / Christmas Party, Club Five Dock RSL

Breeding of Orchids by Gary Hodder

Breeding orchids is the process of pollinating mature flowers to produce seed. Most Orchid flowers are unique, because in most instances there is not a separate male and female flowers. Except of course the Genus *Catasetum* which are dimorphic (having separate male & female flowers). Most orchid flowers have both male and female reproductive components in the same flower, in fact with orchid flowers you can self-pollinate the same flower by taking the pollinia from the pollen sack and placing it on the stigma of the same flower.



Parts of a Cymbidium flower

By having clean hands and using a sterilized toothpick for pollinating ensures your breeding practice will not be ruined by fungal infection. Fungal infections together with rapid temperature changes are the biggest killers of seed pods.

Once a flower has been pollinated, you should place a label on the peduncle so that you know what the cross is. After several days, if the pollination is successful, the flower will wither and the ovaries located directly behind the sepals, will begin to swell and elongate to eventually become a seed pod containing thousands of seeds which are the smallest seed of any plant.

Orchid Seeds are therefore known as Anemochoric (wind dispersed) and they also lack Endosperm, which is that part of a seed which acts as a food source for seedlings. Orchid seeds in the “wild” get all their nutrients from Mycorrhizal Fungi in their initial growth phase.

The time it takes for orchid seed to finally mature varies from a few days to nearly a year.

Examples of unexpected results

A well-known orchid grower crossed his 2 Best Purest White Dendrobium kingianums. As an example of recessive genes becoming dominant, the resultant flowers on all the progenies were pink. Sometimes all the recessive genes will fire up together and become dominant that is what makes Hybridising fun.

When Michael and Richard Diamon were teaching me the art of cross pollination, we crossed two of my favourite South-East Asian Dendrobium species were Dendrobium farmerii and Dendrobium amabile, both as shown below and are pink flowers. This week I was totally surprised with the flowering of that cross, the seedling, has a whitest of white flowers with yellow on the labellum.



This was the Pod Parent Den farmeri



This was the Pollen Parent Den amabile.

The resultant flower: -



This just shows you that nature is amazing and nothing is definite in the result of pollination of orchids. I, once cross pollinated two different coloured Dendrobium soft canes and got twenty-one different coloured seedlings from the one pod. Let's not even start on Sarcochilus breeding and their problems with recessive genes.

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 Tabling 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**, which is in person voting only.

No Special Resolution Requests, under **Division 3 Clause 39 (1) (a) of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009** No 7, have been received.

Nominations forms for all committee positions are available from our website and are subject to **Clause 5 (c) of our Constitution**. The signed form must be in the hands of the Secretary, no later than 5pm Thursday 16th March 2023 for inclusion in the March 2023 Bulletin

I have been advised the current members of the committee are eligible and willing to stand for re-election. Christine & Brian Frugniet have however, not sought re-election.

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