

FIVE DOCK RSL ORCHID SOCIETY INC JULY 2025 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 August 2025 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 Meetings and Annual Shows, Plants of the Night, Class winners, Show Champions, and record of our Social Events.

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	Peter D'Olier	Merv Maher	Jonathan Tran

Website Coordinator: Jane D'Olier

This Month is Growing Competition Judging

The Plants for judging are Den Auscobber 'Danielle' x Dingadee Gold AM/AOC

President's Report

I hope all the members are ready for lots of activity over the next few weeks

We started off with the Ferragosto festival last Sunday 17th August and as usual Club Five Dock RSL supplied us with a stall and parking spot. We are always grateful for their support. We had a fun day and had a raffle and promoted our spring show at marketplace Leichhardt as well as our big show at Orchids Central in October.

I hope members plants are surviving all the rain as we want to put on a beautiful show.

We will set up after 4.00pm on Wednesday 3rd September and judging will be on Thursday 4th September at 9.00 a.m. Pull down will be Saturday 6th September at 4.30 p.m.

Please fill in your benching and sales sheets and finally please volunteer for duty.

We have also been invited to participate in the spring launch at bunnings Rydalmere and Gladesville.

Bunnings Rydalmere is on the 30th August from 9.00 a.m. to 2.00p.m. Jonathan, Sharon, Fedora, and I will staff the stall.

Bunnings Gladesville is on the 6th September which is the last day of our show. I will staff the stall with Robyn as we need people to be at Leichhardt.

Please bring in your growing comp plants to this meeting. A little bird told me that Jonathan may have a flower spike on his already.

If anyone has suggestions for a bus trip, please let us know

Finally, our guest speaker this month is Wal Chapman, and I am looking forward to his talk which may give us a few pointers before our Spring Show.

Hope to see you at the meeting

Kathy Koutsoukis

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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. Fedora then requested all present to stand for a minute's silence in Memory of the passing of our late Life Member Nicholas Koutsoukis. Fedora thanked everyone and asked them to be seated.

His home is on the side of a hill with good air flow he also noted he does not have a problem with Dendrobium beetles as he is meticulous in keeping his bush house clean and frequently checks his orchids while watering/ fertilising. David displayed some of the hybrids he has made and is enthusiastic about growing seedling from flask his motto is least disturbance of the roots when repotting. His mix is Bark 6-9, charcoal, and perlite. Usually repot in September after the shows and before it gets too hot. His sequence is from flask to 50-80mm pot then 100ml then 125-145mm continually pot on do not disturb the root ball. David advises by keeping everything clean he can just add extra mix to the outer rim and avoid repotting shock and plants sulking at being disturbed. David reminded members that the seedling starter is usually a seed raising slurry. The adult plants mix 5 parts 9-12 Orchadia Bark 2 parts charcoal 10mm, 1part Scoria 10mm dress with Osmacote. Wayne Turville gave him this advice to use K-mag fertiliser and

straight tap water try not to water the crown or ensure the plant is dry before dark. He prefers low pressure soft watering wand with no water on the leaves if possible. David showed some of his collection especially Cosmic Gold an Avril's Gold x Speciosum hybrid with beautiful golden flowers

David prefers squat pots to repot and clear pots to provide easy inspection of root growth & health. David displayed a mounted plant of Dendrobium nugentii.

He finished his presentation of ways to treat peats and reminded members that only dead roots should be removed. But advised Gary Polis tends to shave Dendrobium Speciosum's when he repots them in late summer.

Fedora Thanked David and made a small presentation.

Lucky Badge:

Was won by Peter D'Olier

Raffle:

The Raffle prize winners were Gavin Lee, Stephen Thompson, Lisa Harris, George Yung & Thi Bui

Closure:

The President closed the meeting at 9.15 pm thanking members for attending and wished everyone a safe journey home in the inclement weather

Congratulations to Joyce Duncan OAM, our much loved Founding Member when she attended a special award ceremony at Club Five Dock RSL where she was presented with the Inner Wheel Charities Highest Award, the prestigious Margarett Golding Award which was presented by the President of Inner Wheel Australia, Clare Swaan, with members of Inner Wheel from all over NSW in attendance.

This award was created at the 11th Convention in Stockholm in 2000, for the establishment of an award in the name of the founder of Inner Wheel, Margarett Golding

The citation for the award reads

Joyce Duncan OAM - Margarett Golding Award 15th August 2025

Joyce Duncan OAM is an extraordinary individual whose lifelong dedication to voluntary service and community betterment makes her a most deserving nominee for the Margarett Golding Award. Her commitment has been recognized through numerous prestigious honours, including the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) and the Centenary Medal, both awarded in 2003 for her outstanding contributions to Australian society. She is also a Paul Harris Fellow—the first female in the Five Dock area to receive this Rotary distinction—and has received a Rotary Community Service Award (2010), the Mayor's Volunteer Award (2001), and a Community Recognition Award for 50 Years of Service from Canada Bay Council (2009). In 1995, she was made a Life Member of the United Hospital's Auxiliary.

Over the past 70 years, Joyce Duncan has served countless causes with unwavering enthusiasm, compassion, and leadership. Her earliest voluntary work began in 1964 at the Spastic Centre of NSW (formerly the Society for Crippled Children), fundraising for children with Cerebral Palsy. She has since become a cornerstone of the Balmain Hospital Auxiliary, serving as Honorary Secretary for over three decades and helping to raise more than \$500,000 for critical medical equipment. In the face of potential hospital closure in 1989/90, she helped organize public action that contributed to preserving Balmain Hospital as a vital geriatric and rehabilitation centre.

Her commitment extends to Children's Health through her decades-long service at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children and later, the Westmead Children's Hospital. There, she operates the Trash and Treasure Stall twice a week and manages the Volunteers' Shop monthly. Her involvement has expanded to Bear Cottage for terminally ill children, and she has been honoured as a major donor and volunteer supervisor.

Joyce's deep compassion is also evident in her work with the Day of Difference Foundation, inspired by the story of Sophie Delezio. From home-based fundraising events to large-scale community initiatives, Joyce has been pivotal in supporting critically injured children, earning a 2009 recognition for her service. In addition, her contributions to Sydney Legacy and the Western Suburbs Legacy Widows' Club span decades, where she has served as President since 2001 and is recognized as a benefactor.

In recent years, she has actively supported the Inner Wheel Club of Balmain, raising funds for a broad range of charities, and even organized relief efforts for Queensland flood victims.

Joyce Duncan exemplifies the spirit of selfless service and community leadership. Her tireless efforts, moral integrity, and inspiring generosity define the essence of the Margarette Golding Award. She has not only given her time and resources but has mobilized and inspired others to do the same. For these reasons, I wholeheartedly nominate her as a worthy recipient of this distinguished honour.

End of Citation

The award is in honour of **Margarette "Peggy" Golding** (born **Margarette Owen in Blaenau Ffestiniog, Wales UK on 20 November 1881 & Died 1939**) who was a Welsh born nurse and businessperson who named the organisation Inner Wheel founded in Manchester UK, for the wives of members of the Rotary Club, which was originally open only to the wives of members of the Rotary Club, but is now open to everyone. and grown to be an international organisation. There were other similar groups in Britain at the time, but it was Margarette who organised them into a national organisation under the name of the Inner Wheel.

In 2000 at the Inner Wheel's 11th Convention held in Stockholm, Sweden, it was recommended and affirmed the establishment of an award to honour the founder of Inner Wheel, Margarette Golding.

This award also recognises people who have worked for other charities and Joyce has truly done her share. Joyce started her charity work with the Crippled Children which later became the Spastic Centre and now known as the Northcott Centre. Joyce then joined the Balmain hospital auxiliary and was one of the angels who stopped the hospital from being demolished in 1980. It is now an emergency and geriatric hospital. Joyce has served there for 36 years. As this was not enough Joyce became a volunteer for Camperdown Children's Hospital and then Westmead Children's Hospital.

In 1962 Joyce became the foundation secretary for Five Dock RSL Orchid Society and then in 1994 became a member of Western Suburbs Legacy.

In 2000 Joyce was awarded an OAM and centenary medal and became president of Western Suburbs Legacy before it closed in 2017. It was after this that Joyce joined Inner Wheel Balmain.

We are so lucky that Joyce is part of our society. Joyce recently told me that you cannot just put RSL on your society. It must be approved by the RSL Dr Ian Duncan obtained official approval, so we display this with pride.

Once again Joyce we are proud of your years of selfless work for charity and our orchid society.



Dates for the Diary

03rd September 2025

09th September 2025

25th September 2025

02nd October 2025

16th October 2025

23rd October 2025

27th November 2025

06th December 2025

13th December 2025

Spring Show Marketplace Leichhardt set up

Friendship Night at Club Five Dock RSL from 7.30pm

Monthly Meeting Jan Robinson

AOC Conference & Show Woolgoolga

Orchids Central Club Condell Park Thursday Set up

Monthly Meeting Neutrog – all the information on fertilisers & pesticides etc.

Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging - Craig Scott-Harden

Presentation Night / Christmas Party, Club Five Dock RSL

OSNSW Summer Show, Ermington Main Hall, River Rd Ermington



July 2025 Open Plant of the Night
Pths. pectinata* var. *alba
Owners Peter & Jane D'Olier



July 2025 Novice Plant of the Night
***Cymbidium* Little Bumble Bee**
Owner George Yung

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Open Classes

- 1. Cymbidiums 61mm and over**
- 2. Cymbidiums up to 60mm**
- 3. Laeliinae (Cattleya) – Mini up to 65mm**
- 4. Laeliinae (Cattleya) – 65 to 110mm**
- 5. Laeliinae (Cattleya) – Cluster 5 + Flowers**
- 6. Laeliinae (Cattleya) – Exhibition type over 110mm**
- 7. Laeliinae (Cattleya type) Species**
- 8. Dendrobium (Other than Australasian) Hybrids**
- 9. Dendrobium (Other than Australasian) Species**
- 10. Paphiopedilum Species and Hybrids**
- 11. Monopodial – Species and Hybrids**
- 12. Phalaenopsis Species and Hybrids**
- 13. Species – Americas**
- 14. Species – Asia and Other Areas**
- 15. Oncidiinae Species**

- 16. Oncidiinae Up to 60mm**
- 17. Oncidiinae over 61mm**
- 18. Coelogyninae Species**
- 19. Coelogyninae Hybrids**
- 20. Sarcanthiinae Species & Hybrids**
- 21. Australasian Hybrids**
- 22. Australasian Species**
- 23. Hybrids not elsewhere listed.**

Novice Classes

24. **Cymbidium Species & Hybrids**
25. **Oncidiinae Species & Hybrids**
26. **Laeliinae Species & Hybrids**
27. **Australasian Species & Hybrids**
28. **Monopodial Hybrids or Species.**
29. **Species and Hybrids not elsewhere listed.**

Prize Money:

Grand Champion		\$75		
Reserve Champion		\$35	Novice Champion	\$35
Champions:	Cymbidium / Laeliinae / Dendrobium / Oncidiinae / Australasian / Species / Any Other \$25 each.			
Classes	First -	\$10	Second -	\$5

Show set up location – near Target, behind Elevators.

On Wednesday 3rd September 2025: Between 4.30 – 7.00 pm

Pull Down - Saturday 6th September 2025: After 4.30 pm.

Judging will take place from 9.00am Thursday 4th September 2025

BENCHING SHEET

EXHIBITOR'S NAME: _____

Instructions:

- ***Please print clearly.***
- ***Only one plant per line.***
- ***Please nominate which Benching Class (if in doubt ask the Show Marshal for assistance).***
- ***When completed hand to Show Marshal for plant number flags.***

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Five Dock RSL Orchid Society Inc – Orchid Sales List

Seller's Name..... Seller's Mark.....

ONLY ONE PLANT ON EACH LINE PLEASE

Plant Number	Genera of Plant and name if possible	Price	Society Use
	Total		

Handed over by..... Date.....

Received and checked by.....Date.....

The tag on your plant must have your seller's mark, price and the corresponding sequential number from the sheet on it. If you use more than one sales sheet, the number on the second, third etc sheets must continue in sequence from the previous sheets. Please ensure that your plant number and price are checked when you book them in.

The person changing the price on this sheet must indicate who they are, e.g. initial the change

Five Dock RSL Orchid Society's Growers Licence Number is GL-CA-OS-014 2024