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PREPARING YOUR GREENHOUSE FOR WINTER

Winter is well and truly upon us, but here are some precautions you should take to safeguard your orchids in the greenhouse.

SUCCESS AT THE 2025 MINGARA SHOW

Our members stole the show once again with some spectacular orchids on the show bench, find out the results inside!

A Focus on Species

PAPH. ARMENIACUM with Craig Scott-Harden

Craig teaches us the history behind the discovery of the 24 karat gold paphiopedilum species.



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of NSW

Meetings

3rd Wednesday of the Month

Ermington Community Hall
6 River Road, Ermington
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NEXT MEETING

July 16th at 7.30pm

ALL VISITORS WELCOME



SNEAK PEEK AT OUR DISPLAY AT
THE MINGARA ORCHID SHOW



JUNE CHAMPION HYBRID
Paph. Magic Oro 'Super Yellow'
- J&S Atwal



JUNE CHAMPION SPECIES
Paph. armeniacum - S Tay

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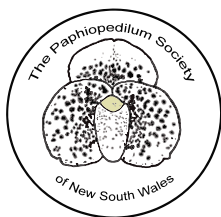
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President's Report

"Once again we had outstanding results at the 2025 Mingara Orchid Show, taking out both Grand and Reserve Champion titles."



Paph. delenatii; Photographer:Paphioman (Flickr)

At the recently concluded Mingara Orchid Club Show, our members once again achieved outstanding results, taking out both Grand and Reserve Champion titles. We'll be celebrating these impressive wins and sharing more details at our July meeting.

July also marks our mid-year Social Gathering – a perfect chance to get to know our newer members, reconnect with familiar ones, and enjoy a relaxed evening of camaraderie. Our talented home cooks will be sharing their delicious creations, and we have a few surprises planned to make the night even more special. We encourage everyone to come along and join in the fun.

Looking ahead, preparations are well underway for our Annual Show at Yagoona in August. This is a call to all members to get involved – your participation is vital to putting on a strong display and showcasing our unique orchid genera to the public. Every entry counts, and you never know what might catch the judges' eye on the day! Remember we still need members for security over the three days.

Trevor Yee

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At present, while I continue my move to the country side, my greenhouses and therefore, orchid collection is located some 3.5 hour drive away. I do miss being able to take a 5 minute break from work and just stroll through the greenhouse. For now, i'll have to settle for photos sent of the beautiful blooms that reside there. Moving is certainly a monumental task when you are an orchid fanatic!

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JUNE MINUTES

The Paphiopedilum Society of NSW General Meeting. Wednesday 18th of June 2025 at the Ermington Community Hall, 6 River Road, Ermington, NSW.

President Trevor Yee declared the general meeting open at 8.00pm and everyone was welcomed.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Dated 21 May 2025 included in the June 2025 Newsletter. Moved by Trevor Yee that they be adopted. Seconded by D. Webb

GENERAL BUSINESS

UPCOMING MEETINGS

July - Mid-Year Social (Please bring a plate of food to share)
Aug - Growing & Breeding Indonesian Paphs - James Sim
Sep - Inter-sectional Hybrids - Ken Siew
Oct - TBC
Nov - Members Auction
Dec - Year End Xmas Party (bring a plate of food to share)

TONIGHTS PRESENTATION

JUNE - Preparing your greenhouse for winter - Daniel Webb

GROWING COMPETITION

Paph. Winston Churchill x Laketta, Paph. Neridah x Mem. Teck Ying 'Yowie' and Paph. Lady Isabel.

Please see the benching schedule in the monthly bulletin for reminders. August 2025 will be the next judging.

Congratulations to C. Rethers for the first flowering of Paph. Winston Churchill x Laketta. It's been 3 years in the blooming!

AOC SPECIES OF THE YEAR 2024

Seong Tay won this prestigious award with his FCC Paph. micranthum 'TOM12'. I believe this is the third year straight out of a total 6 times winning this annual comp. Incidentally - the Hybrid of the Year was also a Paph of Johanna Burkhardt 'Rajani' FCC.

Paphs have been punching above their weight in this award when for 2022, Seong's micranthum var. eburneum 'TOM6' FCC and Trevor's Paph. Wossner Favourite 'Colette' FCC won the Orchid Species and Hybrid of the Year respectively.

UPCOMING SHOWS THE CLUB WILL PARTICIPATE IN

Mingara June 28/29. Setup is Friday 27 June. Please advise a Committee member if you need your plants transported to Mingara tonight.

PLANTS OF THE NIGHT

CHAMPION SPECIES - Paph. armeniacum FCC - S. Tay
CHAMPION HYBRID - Paph. Magic Oro 'Super Yellow' - J&S. Atwal

MONTHLY 5 MINUTE GROWING SEGMENT

Review of a few members questions submitted in March.

NEXT MEETING

July - Mid-Year Social (Please bring a plate of food to share)

All members were asked to return their chair to the back of the hall and tables into storage before the raffles were drawn.

RAFFLE

The raffle was drawn and Seong was thanked for the wonderful plants provided for tonight's raffle.

MEETING CLOSED

Meeting closed at 10.00pm



NEW MEMBERS

I. Luke
A. Lu

APOLOGIES

B. Ng,
A. Mobbs,
W. Jap,
J. Clark,
S. Ly,
Q. Ly,
T. Ly,
S. Lee-Joe

JUDGES

K. Siew
C. Scott Harden
C. Rethers
L. Bromley
P. D'Olier
J. D'Olier
J. Sim
J. Gouvoussis

Trainee judges were also invited to participate in the judging process.

RAFFLE PLANTS

1. Paph rothschildianum (Orchid Inn)
2. Paph Prince Edward of York (OI)
3. Paph Sander's Parish (OI)
4. Paph sukhakulii (Tropical Exotics)
5. Paph tranlienianum (OI)
6. Paph malipoense (Robertson Orchid)
7. Paph haynaldii (OI)
8. Paph Vanguard (OI)
9. Paph vietnamense (OI)
10. Paph jackii (Hung Sheng)

JUNE MONTHLY BENCHING RESULTS

SPECIES OF THE EVENING
Paph. Magic Oro 'Super Yellow' -
Grown by J&S Atwal

HYBRID OF THE EVENING
Paph. *armeniacum*
Grown by S. Tay



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PAPHS BENCHMARKED
THIS MONTH

CLASS 1 - MULTIFLORAL SPECIES - SECTION PARDATOPETALUM

1st	Paph. <i>lowii</i> var. <i>lynniae</i>	T. Yee	[1]
2nd			
3rd			

CLASS 2 - MULTIFLORAL SPECIES - SECTION CORYPETALUM

1st
2nd
3rd

CLASS 3 - SEQUENTIAL SPECIES

1st	Paph. <i>liemianum</i>	J. Chan	[2]
2nd	Paph. <i>moquettianum</i>	B&A Wunderlin	[3]
3rd			

CLASS 4 - BRACHYPETALUM SPECIES

1st
2nd
3rd

CLASS 5 - PARVISEPALUM SPECIES

1st	Paph. <i>armeniacum</i>	S. Tay	[4]
2nd			
3rd			

CLASS 6 - PAPHIOPEDILUM SPECIES - PAPHIOPEDILUM

1st	Paph. <i>farrieianum</i> fma. <i>semi-alba</i>	S. Tay	[5]
2nd	Paph. <i>farrieianum</i>	C. Wong	[6]
3rd	Paph. <i>villosum</i>	M. Yung	[7]

CLASS 7 - PAPHIOPEDILUM SPECIES - SIGMATOPETALUM

1st	Paph. <i>venustum</i> fma. <i>album</i>	C. Rethers	[8]
2nd	Paph. <i>wardii</i>	C. Rethers	[9]
3rd	Paph. <i>wardii</i>	C. Rethers	[10]

CLASS 8 - PAPHIOPEDILUM SPECIES - MINIATURE

1st	Paph. <i>barbigerum</i>	S. Tay	[11]
2nd	Paph. <i>tranlienianum</i>	S. Tay	[12]
3rd			

CLASS 9 - OTHER CYPRIPEIDIOIDEAE SPECIES

1st
2nd
3rd

CLASS 10 - SPECIES SEEDLING

1st	Paph. <i>farrieianum</i>	B. Wong	[13]
2nd	Paph. <i>moquettianum</i>	B. Wong	[14]
3rd	Paph. <i>primulinum</i>	J. Chang	[15]

CLASS 11 - COMPLEX HYBRIDS RED

1st	Paph. Orchilla 'Chilton'	J&S Atwal	[16]
2nd	Paph. Winchilla	B&A Wunderlin	[17]
3rd	Paph. Zodiac Glory	J&S Atwal	[18]

CLASS 12 - COMPLEX HYBRIDS YELLOW/GREEN

1st	Paph. Magic Oro 'Super Yellow'	J&S Atwal	[19]
2nd	Paph. Bombora 'Lockerbie'	R. Nurthen	[20]
3rd	Paph. Lee Yong Ho x Mem. Peck Ying	J&S Atwal	

CLASS 13 - COMPLEX HYBRIDS PASTEL, WHITE/PINK/CREAM

1st	Paph. Freckles	B&A Wunderlin	[21]
2nd			
3rd			

CLASS 14 - COMPLEX HYBRIDS SPOTTED

1st	Paph. Joker x Velvet Smile	R. Nurthen	[22]
2nd	Paph. Junior Exploit x Joker	R. Nurthen	[23]
3rd	Paph. Wonderful World	L. Shan	[24]

CLASS 15 - COMPLEX HYBRIDS ANY OTHER COLOUR

1st	Paph. Danella 'Chilton'	J&S Atwal	[25]
2nd	Paph. Highland Beauty x Zodiac Glory	J&S Atwal	[26]
3rd			

CLASS 16 - MULTIFLORAL HYBRIDS

1st
2nd
3rd

CLASS 17 - BRACHYPETALUM HYBRIDS

1st
2nd
3rd

CLASS 18 - PARVISEPALUM HYBRIDS

1st
2nd
3rd

CLASS 19 - PARVISEPALUM x BRACHYPETALUM HYBRIDS

1st	Paph. Ho Chi Minh x Fanaticum	S. Tay	[27]
2nd	Paph. Shun-fa Golden Fantasy x Fanaticum	J&S Atwal	[28]
3rd			

CLASS 20 - MAUDIAE TYPE HYBRIDS - COLORATUM

1st
2nd
3rd

CLASS 21 - MAUDIAE TYPE HYBRIDS - ALBANISTIC

1st	Paph. Doya Green Prince x Hsinying Citron	P. Nguyen	[29]
2nd	Paph. Doya Heart	J. Chan	[30]
3rd			

CLASS 22 - MAUDIAE TYPE HYBRIDS - VINICOLOR

1st	Paph. superbirens var. <i>curtsii</i> x Hsinying Web	B. Wong	[31]
2nd			
3rd			

CLASS 23 - NOVELTY HYBRIDS - SINGLE FLOWER

1st	Paph. <i>exul</i> x <i>wardii</i>	P. Nguyen	[32]
2nd	Paph. Kathy Koutsoukis	L. Shan	[33]
3rd			

CLASS 24 - NOVELTY HYBRIDS - MULTI FLOWER OR BUD

1st	Paph. Vanguard	S. Tay	[34]
2nd	Paph. Transdoll	L. Shan	[35]
3rd	Paph. Tinicum	D. Webb	

CLASS 25 - HERITAGE HYBRIDS

1st	Paph. Nitens	C. Rethers	[36]
2nd	Paph. Nitens	B & A Wunderlin	[37]
3rd	Paph. Nitens	J&S Atwal	[38]

CLASS 26 - OTHER CYPRIPEIDIOIDEAE HYBRIDS

1st	Phrag. Pink Panther	J&S Atwal	[39]
2nd			
3rd			

CLASS 27 - HYBRID SEEDLING

1st	Paph. In-Charm Circle x Enzan Crown Tree	S. Tay	[40]
2nd	Paph. Winston Churchill x Laketta	C. Rethers	[41]
3rd	Paph. Harrisianum	M. Hui	[42]

CLASS 28 - SPECIMEN

1st
2nd
3rd

CLASS 29 - NOVICE SPECIES

1st
2nd
3rd

CLASS 30 - NOVICE HYBRIDS

1st	Paph. Sandalwood x Hamana Anne	M. Drury	[43]
2nd			
3rd			



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- [01] *Paph. lowii* var. *lynniae*
- [02] *Paph. liemianum*
- [03] *Paph. moquettianum*
- [04] *Paph. armeniacum*
- [05] *Paph. farrieianum* fma. *semi-alba*
- [06] *Paph. farrieianum*
- [07] *Paph. villosum*
- [08] *Paph. venustum* fma. *album*
- [09] *Paph. wardii*
- [10] *Paph. wardii*
- [11] *Paph. barbigerum*



- [12] Paph. tranlienianum
- [13] Paph. farrieianum
- [14] Paph. moquettianum
- [15] Paph. primulinum
- [16] Paph. Orchilla 'Chilton'
- [17] Paph. Winchilla
- [18] Paph. Zodiac Glory
- [19] Paph. Magic Oro 'Super Yellow'
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- [32] Paph. exul x wardii
- [33] Paph. Kathy Koutsoukis



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- [34] Paph. Vanguard
- [35] Paph. Transdoll
- [36] Paph. Nitens
- [37] Paph. Nitens
- [38] Paph. Nitens
- [39] Phrag. Pink Panther
- [40] Paph. In-Charm Circle x Enzan Crown Tree
- [41] Paph. Winston Churchill x Laketta
- [42] Paph. Harrisianum
- [43] Paph. Sandalwood x Hamana Anne



Paph. armeniacum; Grown by S. Tay; Photographer: Alex Wunderlin

Craig's suggestions for successful slipper species

First found in 1979 in South Western China in Yunnan Province, in a remote area near the border of Myanmar. Plants here grow semi-shaded in the humus filled crevices in the limestone cliffs above the Salween River at about 2000m.

For an orchid that has such an intensely strong colour, it seems fascinating that in the first instance Chen & Liu compared it in 1982 to *Paphiopedilum niveum*. And using their illustrations Cribb considered it to be a form of *Paphiopedilum delenatii*, however once living plants became available to Cribb it was obvious that it indeed was a new species, sighting the staminode shape and differences in plant habit like its tendency to produce new growth on numerous stolons. All said and done, all parties were happy too follow Chen & Liu description as *Paph. armeniacum*, and yet the name would imply the flower colour to be an apricot, to my knowledge all plants are a pristine gold colour, even the so called albino form which have none

of the red coloured markings on the staminode etc.

The gold colour so striking, that when plants were first shown, very quickly they were granted very high awards, proving that these early clones were not 24 karat at all, but more likely fool's gold?? The quality we see on the bench nowadays is remarkable, full, round, large and certainly worth any 24 vivid karat anecdotally clonal name one can think of. This species will grow under cool condition and has a dryer winter rest period that should be observed. So if you think not all that glitters is gold try one of these beauties!

Craig Scott-Harden

FOCUS ON SPECIES

Paph. *armeniaceum*

INTERMEDIATE	PARVISEPALUM	RARE
DIFFICULTY	SUBGENUS	OCCURRENCE
LIGHT SHADE	COOL 8-20 °C	W 40- S 70%
LIGHT	MEAN TEMP	HUMIDITY

DESCRIPTION

This unusual orchid has been heavily collected since its discovery in 1979 and is now under threat in the wild. It is restricted to southwest China, growing on rocks under light shade at moderate to high altitudes. The leaves are mottled, about 6-15cm long and 2-2.5cm across. The bright yellow flower is large for the size of the plant, about 6-11cm across. In its natural habitat the plant experiences a distinct dry season so a watering rest period may be beneficial when cultivating. Grow in a larger pot to accommodate the long underground rhizome.

ETYMOLOGY

Derived from the name of the apricot tree, *Prunus armeniaca* (So named because of its supposed origin of Armenia. The fruit trees actually originated from northeastern China). This species was named for the erroneously described apricot color of its flowers. All known examples are yellow.

VARIETIES & FORMS

Paph. armeniacum fma. markii

DISTRIBUTION



It happens every year, with the winter weather comes a whole range of challenges to cultivating orchids. If you missed last month's presentation, here is a recap.

PREPARING YOUR GREENHOUSE FOR THE WINTER

Winter in Sydney has now well and truly set in and I trust that everyone has already adequately prepared their greenhouse for the cold weather, but if not, you had better get cracking!

Until such time that we are able to replicate the glorious tropical weather our friends in North Queensland get to enjoy year-round, when winter arrives in Sydney, so too comes a variety of challenges to cultivating our exotic orchids. Cool weather provides the ideal conditions for many orchid-killing diseases, as such in Sydney, we cultivate our sensitive plants in a greenhouse. While there is variation within our zone between the milder wintered coast and the frosty inland, this article aims to guide growers, highlighting common ailments in a greenhouse during winter and suggest general practices you can add to your growing culture.

There are several problems that tend to appear in winter and pose a risk to your collection.

Botrytis is a fungus that often appears on orchid flowers and is most obvious once the flowers have opened. It appears as a speckling of brown and black spots, completely ruining the beauty of the blossom. Botrytis occurs when mild temperatures combine with too much humidity.

Brown rot is a bacterial infection caused by the bacterium *Pseudomonas*, that causes the leaves, usually those at the top of crown of the plant, to develop large brown marks. This is a result of water settling on top of the leaves and allowing the bacteria to enter through wounds or stomata. If left unchecked the rot can consume plants within a matter of days.

Overwatering during moderate temperatures can cause large black sunken lesions on orchid leaves, known as **black rot**. They ooze liquid and often accompany rotting roots. This condition is caused by fungi that thrive in these cool wet conditions.

Cold shrivel although neither a pest or disease, can wreak havoc on your orchids during the winter. Possible reasons for this include fans blowing cold air onto the plants; an automatic vent sucking in cold air from outside, freezing orchids near it; freezing external night temperatures without adequate greenhouse heating;

and stressed plants to cold temperatures. Stress can be caused by overdue repotting, under or over watering.

Slugs and snails are truly a thorn in the side of orchid growers and have the potential to decimate plants in a short space of time. They also have the potential to spread disease from plant to plant. In winter these critters invade the greenhouse looking for a warmer environment and something tasty to eat.

Keeping on top of these problems are simple when you implement the following tips into your growing culture.

TIP 1: CLEAN YOUR GREENHOUSE

Keeping a clean and tidy grow space should already be a habit of any experienced grower, however it is even more crucial during Winter. Give your greenhouse a pre-winter clean, removing all dead leaves, spent flower spikes and debris from your orchids. Clean the benches down and the floor underneath. If there are dead plants, remove them. If there are any plants with decomposed potting medium that missed being repotted, do it now. Botrytis often starts with decomposing plant matter and the detritus provides the ideal breeding ground in winter. We want to eliminate this.

TIP 2: SPRAY INSECTICIDE AND FUNGICIDE

As a part of the pre-winter clean, spray interior walls and floor of the greenhouse with a mild bleach solution to prevent algae build up. Make sure that you do not get bleach on your plants. At this time, spray your preferred fungicide and insecticide on your plants to keep on top of and prevent and outbreak of pest and disease. If slugs and snails are a problem in your greenhouse, sprinkle some snail bait to keep them at bay. A good one to use is Metarex, while you won't find it at your local bunnings, it is water resistant and will provide a much longer protection than the generic products on the market.



ABOVE: Bacterial soft & brown rot on phalaenopsis



ABOVE: Black rot on the leaf of a cattleya



ABOVE: Slugs and snails will have a feast on your orchids, especially soft new leaves.



“There is no substitute for keen and regular observation of your grow space to keep on top of winter issues!”

TIP 3: ARRANGE PLANTS TO BETTER USE WARMER SPACES

Every greenhouse has naturally warmer and cooler parts, especially if you have the luxury of a large grow space. Position your plants accordingly around the greenhouse to take advantage of this. During winter you may need to move some orchids into a greenhouse from another grow space for added protection. Make sure not to overcrowd your greenhouse while simultaneously increasing the overall thermal mass in the greenhouse.

TIP 4: REDUCING HUMIDITY

Too much humidity in the winter can kill orchids with the main damage occurring at night when temperatures are at their lowest. Moisture condenses on the leaves and creates conditions ideal for botrytis, petal blight and algae. Turn off misters or reduce their use. If you must water, do it in the morning to take advantage of the warmer day time temperature, ensuring the plants enough time to dry out before nightfall.

Lack of air circulation during the day can provide ideal conditions for disease to appear and spread in the greenhouse. While it is true at any time of the year, make sure exhaust fans activate periodically throughout the day to reduce the build-up of humidity. Oscillating fans will help circulate the air in your greenhouse, stop disease from settling and lift condensation off orchids and up towards the exhaust fan. Ideally operate fans that circulate warm air 24 hours a day.



ABOVE: Install oscillating fans to increase the flow of warm air around your greenhouse

TIP 5: REDUCE WATERING

This can often be a difficult thing to master and requires a different approach in winter to the warmer months. Plants take longer to dry out during cooler weather and to reduce the risk of overwatering you need to reduce the frequency. If plants are arranged in a greenhouse based on their water requirements, this is easier to manage in winter. For example, tube stock will require more frequent watering than larger potted specimens.

TIP 6: CHECK ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS

The last thing you want in the middle of winter is for the heating system to fail with no backup measures in place. Before it gets too cold, make sure everything is working as it should be and ensure that you have a ‘plan b’ if something drastic happens. In my greenhouse, watering, heating, air circulation and humidity is all controlled electronically through a series of wi-fi enabled devices. These are programmable and you can execute

different schedules and settings seasonally. For me, it’s important to watch the weather and make sure these schedules change at the right time!

TIP 7: ADDED INSULATION

Depending on the heat requirements of the orchids in your collection and the ability of your greenhouse to retain heat, you may need to consider addition additional insulation during the winter months. A number of growers who need to implement this use poly-styrene sheets or a heavy-duty bubble wrap lining the internal walls.



ABOVE: Adding poly-styrene foam sheets to the inside of the greenhouse wall for added insulation.

TIP 8: PATROL REGULARLY

There is no substitute or automatic system that can replace keen and regular observation of your grow space. Each morning patrol the greenhouse on the look-out for the formation of disease or issues. A regular inspection takes on a few moments and can save both your plants and your bank account!



MINGARA SHOW EXHIBIT

A wonderful exhibition of the finest Paphiopedilums, by our Society at the 2025 Mingara Orchid Show.

Our display takes the top prize... AGAIN!

Once again, the NSW Paphiopedilum Society display was a talking point for visitors to this years Mingara Orchid Show. Our members submitted a wide selection of cypripedioideae of exceptional quality. The table top display only just big enough for the two super-sized rosettes awarded to two exhibits within the arrangement. Seong Tay's **Paph. wardii 'TOM 4' FCC/AOC** was awarded Grand Champion of the show and Champion Exotic Species, while just next

to it, John and Marie Bartlett's **Paph. Neridah 'Rudak'** took out the Reserve Champion and Champion Cypripedioideae. For our efforts, the judges awarded the display 1st place in the large table top class.

A big Thank you to Ken Siew and his team for putting together the winning arrangement on behalf of our members, yet another job well done!



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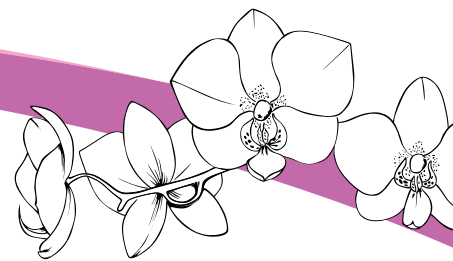


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