

The Paphiopedilum Society of NSW Bulletin

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JUNE 2025

GREETINGS FROM EL SALVADOR

Last month one of our International members emailed with a story about how he has used his knowledge gained from our society to improve his growing culture.

A Focus on Species

PAPH. BARBIGERUM with Craig Scott-Harden

Craig dives into the world of a beautiful teacup species we were fortunate enough to see in last months benching competition.



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The Paphiopedilum Society
of NSW

Meetings

3rd Wednesday of the Month

Ermington Community Hall
6 River Road, Ermington
NSW 2115

NEXT MEETING

June 18th at 7.30pm

ALL VISITORS WELCOME



**SNEAK PEEK INSIDE JACOBO'S
GROWING SPACE**



MAY CHAMPION HYBRID

Paph. Lime Fresh 'Echo' - R. Nurthen



MAY CHAMPION SPECIES

Paph. insigne var. sanderae - Q L Ly

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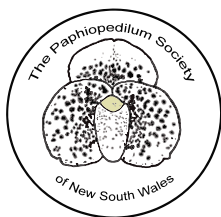
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FRONT COVER

Paph. tonsum;
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President's Report

"As our show season approaches We encourage everyone to bring as many flowering plants as possible"



Paph. venustum; Photographer:Paphioman (Flickr)

As winter sets in and the temperatures begin to drop, many of us — and our Slippers — are feeling the chill. If you haven't yet made preparations to ensure adequate heating in your greenhouse, don't miss our June presentation. Daniel Webb will be sharing valuable tips on how to get your greenhouse winter-ready.

The Mingara display setup will take place on Friday, 27 June, with pull-down scheduled for Sunday afternoon. If you're unable to transport your plants to the venue, please complete a form with their details, label your pots clearly, and speak to me or a Committee member to coordinate the logistics.

Looking ahead, our Annual Show at Yagoona is only a few months away. The show schedule is currently being finalised and will be shared with you soon. We encourage everyone to bring as many flowering plants as possible — our returning visitors always look forward to the stunning displays. If you can help with Security, we'd appreciate your help - and you'll get free access to the Show.

Trevor Yee

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Sometime ago, a member of another Society was selling this unflowers paph on our sales table for \$20. It was a strong healthy looking, unflowered plant. The plant was labelled Paph. insigne. To me, it was very obvious that this plant was mislabelled. The owner was adamant they were correct. I was resolved in my opinion. The foliage was not at all consistent with the species at all. Although, for \$20 I figured why not take a chance and enjoy the mystery of flowering out this plant. This month it flowered from two growths... no idea what it is, but relieved to know my instincts were correct!

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MAY MINUTES

The Paphiopedilum Society of NSW General Meeting. Wednesday 21st of May 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.

AGM

The general meeting was suspended for the AGM, annual Treasurer's and President's report, followed by the announcement of the new committee and office bearers. The General Meeting resumed at 8:20pm.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Dated 16 April 2025 included in the May 2025 Newsletter. Moved by Trevor Yee that they be adopted. Seconded by K. Siew.

GENERAL BUSINESS

UPCOMING MEETINGS

JUNE - Preparing your greenhouse for winter - Daniel Webb

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

AUGUST - Growing & Breeding Indonesian Paphs - James Sim

SEPTEMBER - Inter-sectional Hybrids – Ken Siew

OCTOBER - TBC

NOVEMBER - Members Auction

DECEMBER - Year End Xmas Party (bring a plate of food to share)

TONIGHTS PRESENTATION

Members Plant Auction: 32 lots of healthy plants were offered for auction with some fetching high prices for their owners. Our next auction will be in November 2025. Thanks to all our helpers and auctioneers Ken and Craig.

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.

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 or let us know at the June meeting.

PLANTS OF THE NIGHT

CHAMPION SPECIES - Paph. Paph insigne var. sanderae – QL. Ly

CHAMPION HYBRID - Paph. Lime Fresh 'Echo' – R. Nurthen

MONTHLY 5 MINUTE GROWING SEGMENT

Suspended for this month due to a heavy agenda

NEXT MEETING

June 18: Preparing your greenhouse for winter - Daniel Webb

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

Nil

APOLOGIES

G. Malik

W. Jap

JUDGES

K. Siew

C. Scott Harden

D. Law

J. Bartlett

J. Robinson

J. D'Olier

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

RAFFLE PLANTS

1. Paph Kemp Tower x rothschildianum (OI)
2. Paph rothschildianum (OI)
3. Paph Sander's Parish (OI)
4. Paph platyphyllum (OI)
5. Paph Harold Koopwitz (OI)
6. Paph S. Gratirx x anitum (OI)
7. Paph venustum fma. album (TOM)
8. Paph Shun-Fa Golden (HS)
9. Paph tranlienianum (HS)
10. Paph sukhakulii (IC)

MAY MONTHLY BENCHING RESULTS

SPECIES OF THE EVENING

Paph. insigne var. sanderae -
Grown by Q L Ly

HYBRID OF THE EVENING

Paph. Lime Fresh 'Echo'
Grown by R. Nurthen



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PAPHS BENCHED
THIS MONTH

CLASS 1 - MULTIFLORAL SPECIES - SECTION PARDATOPETALUM

1st

2nd

3rd

CLASS 2 - MULTIFLORAL SPECIES - SECTION CORYPETALUM

1st

2nd

3rd

CLASS 3 - SEQUENTIAL SPECIES

1st Paph. *moquettianum* C. Wong [1]

2nd Paph. *primulinum* C. Rethers [2]

3rd

CLASS 4 - BRACHYPETALUM SPECIES

1st

2nd

3rd

CLASS 5 - PARVISEPALUM SPECIES

1st

2nd

3rd

CLASS 6 - PAPHIOPEDILUM SPECIES - PAPHIOPEDILUM

1st Paph. *insigne* J&S Atwal [3]

2nd Paph. *spicerianum* C. Wong [4]

3rd Paph. *villosum* var. *annamense* C. Wong [5]

CLASS 7 - PAPHIOPEDILUM SPECIES - SIGMATOPETALUM

1st Paph. *wardii* fma. *album* R. Nurthen [6]

2nd Paph. *sukhakulii* S. Tay [7]

3rd Paph. *wardii* fma. *album* J. Clark [8]

CLASS 8 - PAPHIOPEDILUM SPECIES - MINIATURE

1st Paph. *barbigerum* fma. *album* S. Tay [9]

2nd

3rd

CLASS 9 - OTHER CYPRIPEIDIOIDEAE SPECIES

1st Phrag. *besseae* R. Terrenal [10]

2nd

3rd

CLASS 10 - SPECIES SEEDLING

1st Paph. *villosum* var. *annamense* A. Mobbs [11]

2nd Paph. *wardii* J. Clark [12]

3rd

CLASS 11 - COMPLEX HYBRIDS RED

1st Paph. Orchilla 'Chilton' B & A Wunderlin [13]

2nd

3rd

CLASS 12 - COMPLEX HYBRIDS YELLOW/GREEN

1st Paph. T B Karen Magic x Pacific Crown R. Nurthen [14]

2nd Paph. Lee Yong Ho x Mem. Peck Ying J & S Atwal [15]

3rd

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

1st

2nd

3rd

CLASS 14 - COMPLEX HYBRIDS SPOTTED

1st

2nd

3rd

CLASS 15 - COMPLEX HYBRIDS ANY OTHER COLOUR

1st

2nd

3rd

CLASS 16 - MULTIFLORAL HYBRIDS

1st Paph. Edna Ratcliffe B&A Wunderlin [16]

2nd Paph. St Swithin I & I Chalmers [17]

3rd

CLASS 17 - BRACHYPETALUM HYBRIDS

1st

2nd

3rd

CLASS 18 - PARVISEPALUM HYBRIDS

1st

2nd

3rd

CLASS 19 - PARVISEPALUM x BRACHYPETALUM HYBRIDS

1st

2nd

3rd

CLASS 20 - MAUDIAE TYPE HYBRIDS - COLORATUM

1st Paph. Shun-Fa Black Pearl x Hung Sheng Dream C. Rethers [18]

2nd

3rd

CLASS 21 - MAUDIAE TYPE HYBRIDS - ALBANISTIC

1st Paph. Lime Fresh 'Golf' R. Nurthen [19]

2nd Paph. Lime Fresh 'Echo' R. Nurthen [20]

3rd

CLASS 22 - MAUDIAE TYPE HYBRIDS - VINICOLOR

1st

2nd

3rd

CLASS 23 - NOVELTY HYBRIDS - SINGLE FLOWER

1st Paph. S. Gratrix x *adductum* var. *anitum* D. Webb [21]

2nd Paph. Katrina B & A Wunderlin [22]

3rd

CLASS 24 - NOVELTY HYBRIDS - MULTI FLOWER OR BUD

1st Paph. Linda Booth J&S Atwal [23]

2nd Paph. Honey J&S Atwal [24]

3rd Paph. Transvaal J&S Atwal [25]

CLASS 25 - HERITAGE HYBRIDS

1st Paph. Nitens J&S Atwal [26]

2nd

3rd

CLASS 26 - OTHER CYPRIPEIDIOIDEAE HYBRIDS

1st Phrag. Pink Panther J&S Atwal [27]

2nd Phrag. Praying Mantis Q L Ly [28]

3rd Phrag. Perseus 'Highclare' B & A Wunderlin [29]

CLASS 27 - HYBRID SEEDLING

1st Paph. Transdoll L. Shan [30]

2nd

3rd

CLASS 28 - SPECIMEN

1st Paph. *insigne* var. *sanderae* Q L Ly [31]

2nd Paph. *insigne* D Law [32]

3rd

CLASS 29 - NOVICE SPECIES

1st Paph. *spicerianum* M. Drury [33]

2nd Paph. *insigne* C. Huen [34]

3rd Paph. *insigne* C. Huen [35]

CLASS 30 - NOVICE HYBRIDS

1st Paph. Marion Fischer M. Drury [36]

2nd Paph. Giantstonex Lunar Maria M. Drury [37]

3rd Paph. (Tokyo Bells x Waioeka) x Hopewell M. Drury [38]



- [01] *Paph. moquettianum*
- [02] *Paph. primulinum*
- [03] *Paph. insigne*
- [04] *Paph. spicerianum*
- [05] *Paph. villosum* var. *annamense*
- [06] *Paph. wardii* fma. *album*
- [07] *Paph. sukhakulii*
- [08] *Paph. wardii* fma. *album*
- [09] *Paph. barbigerum* fma. *album*
- [10] *Phrag. besseae*
- [11] *Paph. villosum* var. *annamense*



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19

- [12] Paph. wardii
- [13] Paph. Orchilla 'Chilton'
- [14] Paph. T B Karen Magic x Pacific Crown
- [15] Paph. Lee Yong Ho x Mem. Peck Ying
- [16] Paph. Edna Ratcliffe
- [17] Paph. St Swithin
- [18] Paph. Shun-Fa Black Pearl x Hung Sheng Dream
- [19] Paph. Lime Fresh 'Golf'
- [20] Paph. Lime Fresh 'Echo'
- [21] Paph. S. Gratrix x adductum var. anitum
- [22] Paph. Katrina



- [23] Paph. Linda Booth
- [24] Paph. Honey
- [25] Paph. Transvaal
- [26] Paph. Nitens
- [27] Phrag. Pink Panther
- [28] Phrag. Praying Mantis
- [29] Phrag. Perseus 'Highclare'
- [30] Paph. Transdoll
- [31] Paph. insigne var. sanderae
- [32] Paph. insigne



- [33] *Paph. spicerianum*
- [34] *Paph. insigne*
- [35] *Paph. insigne*
- [36] *Paph. Marion Fischer*
- [37] *Paph. Giantstonex Lunar Maria*
- [38] *Paph. (Tokyo Bells x Waioeka) x Hopewell*



Paph. barbigerum var. *sulivongi*; Photographer: Paphioman (Flickr)

Craig's suggestions for successful slipper species

One of the smaller teacup slippers, so called, because they are said to happily grow in a pot of about the same size, obviously this is stated with a little poetic licence. And yet we have been lucky enough to see a couple of nice (albanistic) specimen sized plants with five or six flowers growing in some comparatively small pots. The plants having fans of 4 to 6 narrow leaves from about 8cm to 20cm long, the inflorescences emerge to about 20cm to 25cm in height. The glossy flowers having a very similar appearance to *Paph. insigne* only smaller and with very few markings, and yet that same clean appearance along with a balanced form and shape make the plant an attractive subject and a drawcard on the bench in amongst the other contenders. Drawing on a few talks I have heard Ken Siew give, and as I have already mentioned, these flowers are balanced being

symmetrical and dimorphic. We see these attributes as pleasing even though we may not be openly looking for these points of beauty; we get dragged in to appreciate its appearance. And yet when we look at the smaller growing slippers we can also get dragged in by the substantial and at times ungainly possibly even grotesquely difference between plant size and flower size, a more profound example is some of the *Parvisepalum*s like *Paph. micranthum* and *Paph. armeniacum* which can have small plants and comparatively huge flowers. The plants can appear to be so out of balance as to be unreal and even alien in appearance, this time dragging us in because it is so out of balance that we may even at least in the first instance questioning the subjects legitimacy as to even being real, which in its self make these plants intriguing and eye catching!

Paph. barbigerum was originally described in 1940 by Tang & Wang from dried material collected by 2 French botanists Cavalerie & Fortunat in Guizhou Province, Southwestern China from elevations of 300m to 1200m at the base of limestone cliffs around the trunks of trees and palms in quite heavy shade. Definitely a handsome species everyone should be growing.

Until next time.

Craig Scott-Harden

FOCUS ON SPECIES

Paph. *barbigerum*

INTERMEDIATE	PAPHIOPEDILUM	UNCOMMON
DIFFICULTY	SUBGENUS	OCCURRENCE
MODERATE-DEEP SHADE	MODERATE 11-28 °C	W 40- S 70%
LIGHT	MEAN TEMP	HUMIDITY

DESCRIPTION

Found in China and Vietnam on steep rocky cliffs in evergreen broadleaved forests, as a small sized, hot to cool growing humus epiphyte near bases of mossy trees or lithophytes. Flowering in autumn and winter on single flowered inflorescences.

ETYMOLOGY

Derived from the latin *barba*, meaning 'beard'; named for the tuft of hairs at the base of each petal.

VARIETIES & FORMS

Paph. barbigerum fma. *album*

Paph. barbigerum var. *sulivongi*

DISTRIBUTION



Did you know we have international members in our Society? Jacobo recently reached out to us to tell us about how the information he receives from our Society has helped to improve his growing culture.

GREETINGS FROM EL SALVADOR CENTRAL AMERICA

Greetings dear Paphiopedilum enthusiasts! My name is Jacobo, I am from El Salvador, Central America.

The country has only two seasons: summer and winter (rainy), the average temperature is 90°F during the day and 75°F at night, in winter the temperature can drop a bit lower.

I have been collecting orchids since 2005, but I became a Paphiopedilum enthusiast in 2023.

The reasons I decided to collect Paphiopedilum are:

1. I wanted a bit of history in my hands, since slipper orchids are among the earliest orchid families;
2. The leaves are beautiful;
3. The flowers are very eccentric and last as long as Phalaenopsis;
4. There is not much cultural information about cultivation in Latin America; and,
5. Not many people collect Paphiopedilum orchids in my country.
- 6.

The problem is that I don't have many options to buy Paphiopedilum, in my country we only have access to one Paphiopedilum distributor, however I got hold of some of them, so here is my experience with growing them in El Salvador.

They are under shade in a very humid state, the temperature in summer is about 90 °F during the day and 75 °F at night; in winter the temperature drops to about 82 °F during the day and 70 °F during the night.

I use a semi-greenhouse and it only receives direct sunlight at 11:00 and 15:00 hrs., from there it only receives indirect sunlight.

I use clay pots and pumice stone, volcanic stone, charcoal and pine bark as a growing medium, but for a few months now I have been using coconut chips and pumice stone.

In summer I water them every two days, in winter every three days or more. I use tap water.

I use high nitrogen fertilisers in the growing season and high phosphorus in the flowering season, no fertilisers in the dormant season and use Triple 20 after flowering.

I also add some micronutrients with calcium.

That is my setup for parvisepalum, paphiopedilum, cochlopetalum, sigmatopetalum and brachypetalum.

For polyantha, I move them where I have Cattleyas, so far it seems to be working.

Lastly, I wanted to thank The New South Wales Paphiopedilum Society for accepting me to join their organization, the main reason for joining was their growing information which has been essential for my paphiopedilums.

UPDATE: I wrote this article a few months ago. Since then, I've been reading up on fertilizing Paphiopedilum orchids and am now switching to a low-potassium fertilizer and adding a good amount of calcium and magnesium.

I also have a Paphiopedilum delenatii in a semi-greenhouse, but its leaves don't look as shiny or strong as those of another delenatii I have that gets morning sun. Perhaps they need more light?

I hope we can exchange more about our passion for Paphiopedilums. I'll try to keep you posted. If you're interested in growing Paphiopedilums in El Salvador or elsewhere, you can email me. (*Contact Society for email address*)



ABOVE: Paph. helenae



ABOVE: Paph. henryanum



ABOVE AND NEXT PAGE: Jacobo's growing space.





21st ANNUAL

MINGARA ORCHID CLUB INC. FAIR & SHOW 2025

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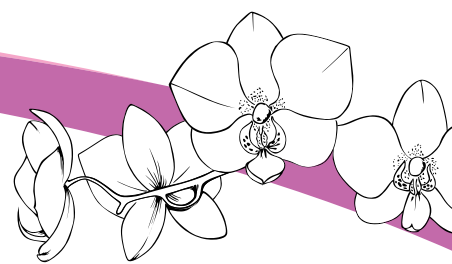


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