



22nd Australian Orchid Council Conference & Show

'For the Love of Orchids'

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Conference registrations are still available but if you want to be part of the full conference experience, please don't leave it to the last minute to register, as the lecture auditorium capacity is around 200. Single day registrations are available for those who would like to attend for one day only. A fee of \$150 gives you access to all lectures for that day, plus access to the Show and Vendors' Area. Register at <https://aocc2022.org/forms>

Lecture Program:

The lecture program continues to be fine-tuned as we get closer to the conference, but we recently received some very exciting news. **Fred Clarke**, of Sunset Valley Orchids in San Diego, California, U.S.A. will be able to join us, and has two very interesting topics to share with registrants: **Today's Mini and Compact Cattleyas** and **Becoming an 80 Percentile Grower**. Those of you who haven't had the pleasure of attending one of Fred's lectures before are in for a treat. He is a very charismatic and engaging speaker, who passionately shares his knowledge and love of orchids with whomever will listen. Those of you who have heard Fred speak before know that you can expect sessions full of fun and information.

Fred has been growing orchids for 42 years and has been hybridizing for 38 of those years. Developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest during this time, but he is also actively creating new Paphiopedilum and Aussie Dendrobium hybrids. His pioneering work in *Catasetum* intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, including *Fredclarkeara* After Dark, which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed".

Fred will also be bringing flasks with him. To see what he has available and to preorder flasks for pickup at the show, visit

http://sunsetvalleyorchids.com/html/offering_flasks-oz-2022.html

To find out who is appearing when over the two days of the lecture program, visit aocc2022.org/speakers



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Vendors:

Vendors continue to confirm their attendance. In addition to those listed in the last update, the following have now confirmed their attendance.

Alice's Orchids, Ching Hau Orchids from Taiwan, Ezi-Gro Orchids, Fong Ping Orchids, Ivan's Orchids, Orchid Inn, Orchids Mackay, Rolin Farms & Sunset Valley Orchids.

There are more to come, so keep an eye on the website <https://aocc2022.org/vendors>

Social Events:

Both events promise to be extremely enjoyable evenings.

The **Opening Ceremony**, after the welcomes and formalities, will be a very entertaining and refreshing experience featuring **Master Magician Josh Norbido** mingling with attendees, performing close-up slight-of-hand illusions. Josh, who was a Semi-finalist in the 2019 season of Australia's Got Talent, will make sure everyone isn't just stunned by Magic, but also entertained with both quick wit and comedy. While this is an included event for registrants, anyone else can attend for just \$75 per person.

The highlight of the AOCC 2022 Conference Dinner will undoubtedly be **Professor Kingsley Dixon's 'Working with Indigenous Communities to Save Our Tree Orchids'** dinner speech. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by acclaimed **Australian string quartet, Point Quartet**. Tickets are still available at \$90 per person.

Both events can be booked by completing the appropriate section of the registration form.

<https://aocc2022.org/forms>

Bus Field Trips:

Seats are still available on both the **Springbrook National Park** and **Mount Glorious National Park** field trips on the Sunday, a great way to get up close to orchids in the environment. Follow the link at

<https://aocc2022.org/field-trips>

Show:

The Orchid Show will showcase both orchid and foliage displays, benched orchids, including cut flowers for those travelling large distances, and an Arts Section. Being an open show, any orchid society member from around Australia and overseas is eligible to enter. Those entering in the **Photography, Visual Arts** and **Floral Arrangements** classes need to plan ahead as **applications for the Section 4 Arts Section close on 16 August 2022**. The required registration form is available on the AOCC 2022's website at <https://aocc2022.org/forms>.

To date, 18 registrations have been received to stage **displays**, including an exhibit from Western Australia, featuring their native orchids and promoting the 2024 Perth International Orchid Conference & Show. We are working on the final floor layout, so if you are intending staging either a floor or table display, register now, using the link at <https://aocc2022.org/show-displays>. Remember, you'll be paid for staging a display!

And lastly, get your society **bus trips** organised, as groups of over 20 will qualify for a **discount on entry** to the show: 40 & over - \$8.00 per person; 30 to 39 - \$8.50 per person; 20 to 29 - \$9.00 per person.

As always, if you have a question, go to <https://aocc2022.org/planning-committee> to contact one of us.

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