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Den. victorica reginae

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2024

GUEST SPEAKER - Richard Korber grows some very interesting and different orchids and he is going to share his culture of some of them with us at the meeting.

2023 SEEDLING COMPETITION

Due to an oversight, the 2023 seedling competition photographs were not displayed at the December meeting. These will be on display at the February meeting and members will be able to cast their vote for the best seedling. The winner will be announced at the meeting.

SUPPER

The Society provides tea and coffee and members are invited to bring along a plate to share. There is no roster but it works if each member contributes a couple of times a year.

SOCIETY INFORMATION

VENUE: BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE
19 BIRRILEY STREET, BOMADERRY.

NEXT MEETING Monday 19 February, 2024

Meeting room is open at 6.30pm for setting up *

Benching to be **finished** by 7.00pm

Novice Corner 7.00 - 7.15pm

Popular Vote 7.15 - 7.30pm

Meeting commences 7.30pm

* Many hands make for a quick set up/pack up.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Hello Members

As you know, I have been acting editor for some time. I would still like someone to take over the reins but, until that happens, the editorship is in caretaker mode and, after this month, the newsletter will only contain essential information. I will not be including articles or photographs, just results and committee announcements.

I do hope someone will be able to help out.

Lynne



NOVICE CORNER Committee member, **John Clancy**, is the co-ordinator and members who have a cultural problem or any questions about their orchids are invited to speak to John during Novice Corner. If it is not within John's area he will refer you to another grower who may be able to help. If there is a particular topic you would like to have covered in Novice Corner please feel free to contact John on 44439072 or email john.clancy50@me.com.

THE SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY MEETS ON THE **THIRD MONDAY** OF THE MONTH- at **7.00 PM** IN THE BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE, 19 BIRRILEY STREET, BOMADERRY.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I hope this report finds you all well and that you all had a great festive season. Our December Christmas meeting was enjoyed by everyone. We all had a bit of fun trying to answer the Trivia Questions and the giant raffle is always great too, especially when you win something. We missed our Santa and his Christmas cheer this year as our thoughts turned to Don. The night unfortunately ran a bit late, something we will have to keep an eye on for next Christmas.

Although there is no meeting in January, our committee has been kept busy organising the South/West Regional Workshop. This will be a great event for our society. We have never hosted one before and I hope you are as excited as I am.

The orchid societies of the south and west region including our society are Wagga Wagga, Albury/Wodonga, Sapphire Coast, Eurobodalla, Milton/Ulladulla, Bateman's Bay and Canberra. Illawarra and some Sydney societies have also been invited. I have attended workshops in the past at Moruya, Bateman's Bay and Tuross Heads and have always enjoyed them.

Our committee is organising the weekend but I would like every member to feel that they are included in the event. It's the members of our society who are hosting this workshop, so please throw your support behind our society by coming along and enjoying the workshop and helping out where you can.

David Brooks has been a guest speaker a number of times at our society meetings. He is always easy to listen to and gives good sound advice.

I haven't met Steve Dunstan but he comes highly recommended. Steve is an AOC and ANOS (Aust. Native Orchid Soc.) Judge and will be talking on Aust. Native Cymbidium Orchids including their hybrids and their culture. Steve is also talking on Den. Section Latouria, please Google them if you are not sure what they are. This should be a great talk. Craig Miles from Ballarat, VIC. is owner of Orchids of Distinction, specialising in Paphiopedilums and Miltoniopsis. These two orchids will feature in his two talks. Craig also sells orchid products – pots, all shapes and sizes, insecticides etc.

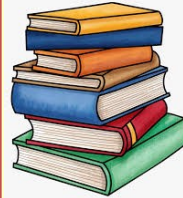
We are very fortunate to have two of our members, Brian Phelan and Martin Montebello, giving a talk each. Both are very good and dedicated orchid growers. Brian's topic – 'Growing Cattleya (sophronitis) coccinea in sphagnum' and Martin will be talking on his new growing area, growing orchids indoor plus, how to grow phalaenopsis successfully. If time permits a repotting demonstration.

There will be a vendors area selling a large variety of orchids and orchid supplies. Our society will be having a sales table, so bring your sale orchids along. 10% commission to our society, plus normal sales table criteria apply.

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Current Life Members Shoalhaven Orchid Society

Mr Alan Stephenson - 1999
Mr Colin Marstin - 2007
Mr John Webb - 2009
Mrs Lynne Phelan - 2012
Mr Allan Taylor - 2014
Mr Brian Phelan - 2022



Books! Books! Books!

Our society has many great books for you to borrow!!

Speak to Robin Gunter who would be delighted to help you

Attendance Book

Members and guests must sign the attendance book. This is required for insurance purposes.

If you don't sign, you're not covered.

Please sign beside your number given by the society.

Workshop Novices Corner

Between 7pm and 7.15pm newer growers can speak to experienced grower. **February: *John Clancy will be repotting an orchid—coelogyne or dockrillia or maybe both!***

Any problem orchid for advice on? (Please bring it in plastic bag if you suspect it has a disease or pest problem.) Remember, there's no such thing as a '*dumb orchid question!*'



WISH LIST

Looking for a special plant??

Email Lynne (front page for address) with

Your Name, Phone number & plant name

and I will add it to our newsletter.

See Back Page for your Wishes...

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Please remember to sign the attendance book.
This is essential for insurance purposes.**

Two morning teas, one lunch and one afternoon tea are included in the cost of \$50 for the 1 ½ days. A get-together dinner is planned for Saturday night at the Bomaderry Bowling Club at own expense. Our committee would love to see this event supported by all our members. How much fun is it to be in the company of like-minded orchid people for 1 ½ days. Surely it does not get any better than this!!

The February meeting will be our AGM. All committee, including executive positions, will become vacant. In 2019 we formed a new committee after some troubling times. We then had a full committee of 12 members, today we are down to 8 members on committee. Our Treasurer, Teresa, is definitely stepping down at the AGM due to work commitments. We need to add to the number of wonderful committee members who hopefully will stay on. Having new members always brings some fresh ideas, so I am asking all members to please consider nominating.

Lynne Phelan has been our TEMPORARY EDITOR for a couple of years now and also in the past. It is now time for another member to step up. A member with a few computer skills could fulfill the job of editor and Lynne would be happy to guide you through it. Being the Newsletter Editor is something you can put your own stamp on.

Member Richard Korber will be our guest speaker at the Feb. meeting talking on 'Different and Interesting Orchids I Grow'. I am looking forward to Richard's talk as it never ceases to amaze me of the variety and quirkiness of the orchids he brings along to our meetings and also posts on Facebook.

See you at the next meeting.

Warm regards,

Louise

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following members whose benching results have demonstrated that they are ready to bench in a more advanced section:

Ross Wright and **Wayne Lee** will now be benching in the Intermediate Section. **Ross Hahn, John Harriman** and **Noelene Weatherby** will now be benching in the Open Section.

REGIONAL WORKSHOP

Our society is hosting the annual South and West Regional Orchid Workshop on the weekend of 9th -10th March. This is the first time the Shoalhaven Society has hosted this event. We are very fortunate to be able to use the Nowra Golf Club for the venue and there is an interesting variety of speakers and vendors lined up so there is sure to be something to interest everyone. It is a great opportunity to meet members of other orchid clubs and to do some 'in person' shopping so you can see what you are getting before you hand over your hard-earned \$\$\$\$. The registration form and more information is being sent to all members and it is available on our website. The registration fee includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea on Saturday and morning tea on Sunday.

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COVID RESTRICTIONS

Please observe the following:

- 1. Sanitise your hands with the hand sanitiser provided when you arrive.**
- 2. Wearing a mask is optional.**
- 3. If you are unwell, please do not attend.**

Benching Results - December 2023

BENCHING RESULTS		Month	Year
Class	Orchid Name		Name of Grower
JUNIOR Orchid			
NOVICE			
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Beallara</i> Snowblind 'Sweet Spots'		S. Lester
Species	<i>Brassia verrucosa</i>		D. Slye
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown		P. Bell
Novice Orchid of the Night	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown		P. Bell
INTERMEDIATE			
Species orchid	<i>Coelogyne filiforme</i>		W. Lee
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Phal.</i> Sunset Love		W. Lee
Intermediate Orchid of the Night	<i>Lockhartia oestedii</i>		W. Lee
OPEN			
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph.</i> Bengal Lancers		W. Simmons
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Onc.</i> Speckled Spire 'Whisp'		F. Sikora
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> Aridang 'Blue'		Y. Young
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>C. purpurata</i> var. <i>carnea</i>		Y. Young
Vandaceous Hybrid	<i>V.</i> Pachara Delight 'Blue'		N. Weatherby
Species	<i>Den.</i> Victoria-Reginae		B. Phelan
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Stenoglottis woodii</i>		N. Weatherby
Open Orchid of the Night	<i>Paph.</i> Bengal Lancers		W. Simmons
Species of the Night	<i>Physosiphon greenwoodii</i>		R. Korber
Hybrid of the Night	<i>Onc.</i> Speckles Spire Whisp'		F. Sikora
Assistant Benching Marshal's Choice	<i>Maxillaria tenuifolia</i>		Y. Young
Growing Competition Cattleya hybrid	5pts Ron Findlater, 3pts Pat Bell, 1pt Martin de Launey, Pauline de Launey, Ross Hahn, Richard Korber, Wayne Lee, Brian Phelan, Lynne Phelan, Francoise Sikora, Noelene Weatherby, Ken Wynn, Shayron Wynn, Yvonne Young		
Seedlings benched	Nil		
Congratulations to all the winners. You have started earning points in the 2024 benching competition. Special mention to Noelene Weatherby for her success in her <i>first benching as an Open member</i>. Well done!			

If you notice any errors in the results please let Lynne know.



Novice Popular Choice of Night

Novice Popular Vote
Phal. Unknown
 Pat Bell

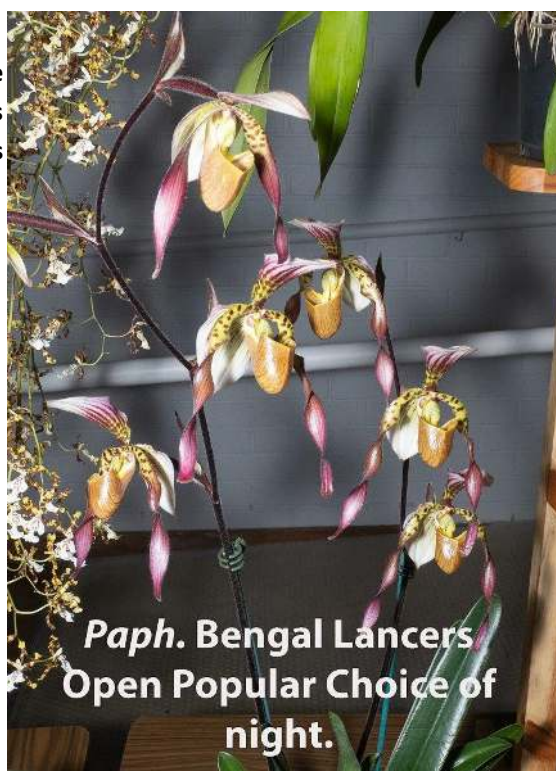
**DECEMBER
 POPULAR
 VOTE
 WINNERS**



Assistant Benching Marshal's Choice
Maxillaria tenuifolia Yvonne Young



**Hybrid Orchid of
 the Night**
Onc. Speckled Spire
 'Whisp'
 Francoise Sikora



Paph. Bengal Lancers
**Open Popular Choice of
 night.**

Orchid Species of the Night
Physoisiphon greenwoodii
 Richard Korber



Physoisiphon greenwoodii
Species of the Night



Lockhartia oerstedii
Intermediate Choice of Night

**Intermediate
 Popular Vote**
Lockhartia oerstedii
 Wayne Lee

The Acting Editor would like to take this opportunity to thank the retiring photographer, Yvonne Young, for her brilliant work over the last few years. Your diligence and preparation has made my job so much easier. Many thanks. Lynne



Oct 23 Show Winners



POPULAR VOTE WINNERS IN 2023

Class NOVICE	Winner	OPEN	Winner
Cymbidium	F. Sheil	Paphiopedilum	W. Simmoms
Oncidiinae Alliance	V. Starling R. Bristow	Oncidiinae Alliance	B. Phelan
Laeliinae Alliance	F. Sheil	Dendrobium	M&S Montebello
Australian native hybrid/species	R Wraight J Cameron	Laeliinae Alliance	L. Gannon G. Jonas
Species	W. Lee	Vandaceous Hybrid	G. Jonas M&S Montebello
Miscellaneous orchid	P. Bell, L. Edmonds, R. Gunter, W. Lee, R. Ballard, J. Cameron, R. Bristow	Species	B. Phelan
Novice Orchid of the Night	R Wraight F Sheil	Australian native hybrid	R. Findlater
INTERMEDIATE	Winner	Australian native species	J. Clancy
Paphiopedilum	R. Hahn	Cymbidium	G. Jonas J Clarke
Dendrobium	N. Weatherby	Miscellaneous orchid	B. Phelan
Australian native species/hybrid	J. Harriman	Open Orchid of the Night	J. Clarke
Species orchid	R. Hahn N. Weatherby	Orchid Species of the Night	R. Korber B. Phelan
Oncidiinae Alliance	J. Harriman	Orchid Hybrid of the Night	M&S Montebello
Laeliinae Alliance	N. Weatherby	Benching Marshal's Choice	B Phelan
Cymbidium	R. Hahn	MOST SUCCESSFUL NOVICE EXHIBITOR	Wayne Lee
Miscellaneous orchid	J. Harriman	MOST SUCCESSFUL INTERMEDIATE EXHIBITOR	Ross Hahn
Intermediate Orchid of the Night	R. Hahn	MOST SUCCESSFUL OPEN EXHIBITOR	Brian Phelan

2024 Shoalhaven Orchid Society

What's On at a Glance

Committee Meetings 2024

Tuesday 6th February 1.00pm

Society Meetings 2024

19th Feb - AGM and **Richard Korber** on 'Different and Interesting Orchids I Grow'.

18th March - TBA

15th April - TBA

20th May - Mini Charity Auction

Saturday Day Meetings 10am – 1pm

15th June Gary Hodder Orchids for new Growers

20th July TBA

17th August- Members Auction (to be confirmed)

16th Sept TBA

21st October - TBA

18th November - TBA

16th December - Christmas Party/Presentations

Society Events/Shows

9 - 10 March South & West Regional Workshop

13 July Winter Show - 9am -3pm

31 August Spring Show - 9am -3pm

19 October October Show - 9am -3pm

Native Orchid Walk- TBA

Potting Day- TBA

Other Society Shows

MUOS

Winter Show 6th – 7th July

Spring Show 7th - 8th September

BBOFS

Winter Show 13th - 14th July

Spring Show 31st August – 1st September

Native Show 19th-20th October

IDOS

Winter Show 6th – 7th July

Spring Show 7th - 8th September

2024 ORCHID EVENTS

Collectors Plant Fair - 13th - 14th April Hawkesbury Race Club Clarendon

Orchids Out West – 17th-19th May Hawkesbury Showground Clarendon

Mingara Orchid Fair and Show 29th-30th June.

St Ives Orchid Fair - TBA

Paphiopedilum and Cymbidium Show, TBA

Orchids Central, Club Condell Park 4 - 6th October

Australian Native Orchid Show Revesby TBA

Growing Competition 2024

Please try to find and bring your growing competition plant each month. If you keep them grouped together with a distinctive coloured label it makes them easy to find.

Feb. 2024. Zga. Pine Road x Zygo. Kosciuszko x Zga. Clare Fisher 'Amanda'

March. Catt. (Rlc.) Brunswick Gem 'Coral' x Catt. Dal's Choice 'Rudak'

April. Zga. Pine Road x Zygo. Kosciuszko x Zga. Clare Fisher 'Amanda'

May. Catt. (Rlc.) Brunswick Gem 'Coral' x Catt. Dal's Choice 'Rudak'

June. Zga. Pine Road x Zygo. Kosciuszko x Zga. Clare Fisher 'Amanda'

July Catt. Dal's Choice 'Rudak'

August. Zga. Pine Road x Zygo. Kosciuszko x Zga. Clare Fisher 'Amanda'

September. Catt. (Rlc.) Brunswick Gem 'Coral' x Catt. Dal's Choice 'Rudak'

October. Zga. Pine Road x Zygo. Kosciuszko x Zga. Clare Fisher 'Amanda'

November. Catt. (Rlc.) Brunswick Gem 'Coral' x Catt. Dal's Choice 'Rudak' **LAST BENCHING**

December: Zga. Pine Road x Zygo. Kosciuszko x Zga. Clare Fisher 'Amanda'

Congratulations to the winners of the growing competitions that concluded in 2023.

Laelia anceps Wallbrunn x L. anceps Rosminah
1st Yvonne Young; Runner up Francoise Sikora.
Rlc. Dal's Ambition 'Tara' x C. Aloha Case Hua
1st John Clarke; Runner up Louise Gannon.

