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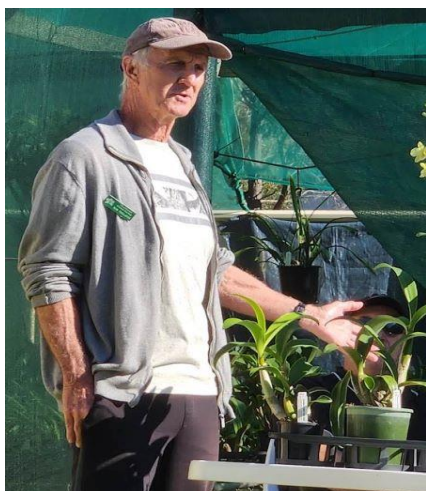
Next Meeting: **Saturday day meeting 21st June 10am-1pm.**

Bomaderry Community Centre. 19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry.

Room opens at 9.00am for set up*; benching to be **finished** by 10.00am; Popular Vote 10.00-10.15am;
Novice Corner 10.15-10.30am. Meeting commences at 10.30am. * Many hands make light work to set up
and pack up.

Topic for the Meeting– Martin “How to prepare your Plants for a Show”

Novice Corner-TBA



“An enjoyable sunny day had by 20 members visiting Ron Findlaters shade house with a lovely lunch to follow. Talks by Ron and Martin. Thank you Ron for hosting.”

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

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope this newsletter finds you well and you are keeping warm as we head into winter.

Twenty members enjoyed a great social day at Ron Findlater's place on June 1st. The weather was kind to us with the day being so warm. Ron had prepared his backyard well which made us all feel welcomed. It was great to see everyone mingling and talking getting tips from Ron on how he grows his orchids and from Martin who gave a talk on den. hardcane orchids. He showed us how Ron grows them well in shadehouse conditions. Social days are so good for all members whether you are new or old (as in member) as you can always learn something new, like how to build a shadehouse, benching materials, height, flooring, location and most importantly how other members grow their orchids. Thank you, Ron, for your hospitality and thankyou committee for your assistance.

Our Charity Auction held at the last meeting was a great success. Over \$1300 was raised for the well deserving charity, North Shoalhaven Meals on Wheels. Thankyou members who kindly donated orchids for the auction. There was a nice selection of orchids on offer for members to buy.

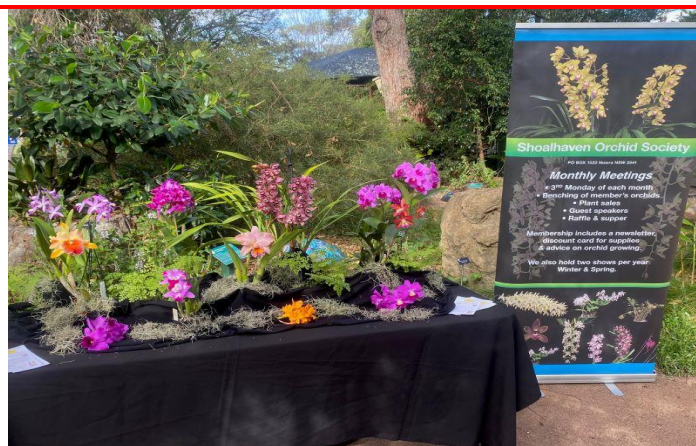
Recently, our society was invited to have a promotional table at the Shoalhaven Heads Botanic Gardens Open Day. Ray Bristow and I attended, and we both enjoyed talking to visitors and handing out flyers to people who were interested in orchids and our society. Thankyou Ray for your help on the day. The gardens are a lovely place to visit, its not large but is well maintained by 20 volunteers. It also has a lovely picnic area across the road. Very worthwhile for a visit.

Our Winter Show is fast approaching on Saturday 12th July with setup on the 11th. Please read the Show Supplement and Show Schedule carefully. At our July Meeting Martin Montebello will be talking to members about preparing your orchids for shows, including staking, transporting, facing your plant the right way and even adding height underneath your plant so that it's shown to its best advantage. All these and more tips help in presenting your plants and flowers. The June meeting will be the last meeting before our Winter Show.

See you at our first day meeting for the year, Saturday 21st June.

Warm regards,

Louise



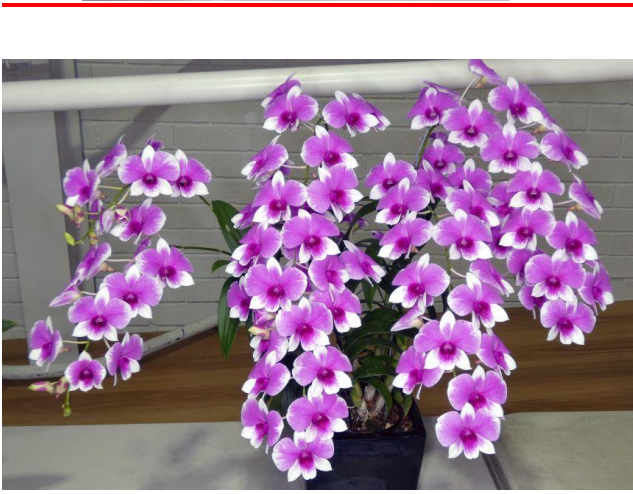
BENCHING RESULTS		Month: May	Year: 2025
Class	Orchid Name	Name of Grower	
NOVICE			
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Cattleya</i> Unknown	F. Flack	
Australian Native Species or Hybrid	<i>Den.</i> Unknown	F. Flack	
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Den.</i> Unknown	F. Flack	
Novice Orchid of the Night	<i>Den.</i> Unknown	F. Flack	
INTERMEDIATE			
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> Unknown	W. Lee	
Australian Native Species or Hybrid	<i>Den.</i> Rutherford Stardust ‘Tinonee’	R. Bristow	
Species orchid	<i>Laelia anceps</i>	W. Lee	
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Onc.</i> Sharry Baby	W. Lee	
Intermediate Orchid of the Night	<i>Laelia anceps</i>	W. Lee	
OPEN			
Paphiopedilum – species/hybrid	<i>Paph.</i> Tinonee x P. Goliath	G. Jonas	
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Odm.</i> Murray River	B. Phelan	
Dendrobium – species/hybrid	<i>Den.</i> Yaya ‘Victoria’	M&S Montebello	
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Catt.</i> Little Susie	L. Gannon	
Vandaceous Hybrid	<i>Phal.</i> Buttercup	M&S Montebello	
Species	<i>Soph. wittigiana</i>	B. Phelan	
Aust. Native Hybrid	<i>Den.</i> Jonathan’s Glory ‘Dark Joy’	L. Phelan	
Aust. Native Species	<i>Den. bigibbum</i> var. <i>compactum</i>	R. Korber	
Cymbidium	<i>Cym.</i> Pharaoh’s Dream	J. Clarke	
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Masd.</i> Copper Anger x M. Kay B	M&S Montebello	
Open Orchid of the Night	<i>Den.</i> Yaya ‘Victoria’	M&S Montebello	
Species of the Night	<i>Soph. wittigiana</i>	B. Phelan	
Hybrid of the Night	<i>Den.</i> Yaya ‘Victoria’	M&S Montebello	
Benching Marshal’s Choice	<i>Catt.</i> Little Susie	L. Gannon	
Growing Competition Zygo. Pine Road x Z. Kosciusko x Z. Clare Fisher ‘Amanda’**	5 point. M. Montebello 3 point S. Montebello 1 point R. Findlater		
Number of plants benched 67		Number of Growing comp. plants 3	Number of Seedlings 4

**** Congratulations** to Martin Montebello who flowered the Zygo. This means the growing competition for this plant is over and it will be removed from the benching schedule. The winner of the competition will be announced at our Christmas Party. The winner is the person who accumulated the most points during the competition.



**Novice
Popular
Vote**

**Intermediate
Popular
Vote**



**Best
Hybrid**

**Open
Popular
Vote**

**Best
Species**



**Benching
Marshal's
Choice**



From The Committee

Growing Competition— Congratulations to Martin Montebello for flowering Zga. Pine Road x Zygo. Kosciuszko x Zga. Clare Fisher 'Amanda'. This plant is now retired from the competition and we have two plants still running, our Dendrobium and our Sarcochilus. Please refer to our 'What's on at a Glance' on the last page of the Newsletter.

Winter Meetings—With June being the start of Winter, please remember that our meetings for the next three months will be on Saturday mornings commencing at 10am. Our first Winter meeting will be Saturday June 21st.

Name Badges—After much back and forth with the engravers a Society logo has been settled on. Further information as to when the new badges will be available will be forthcoming.

Bunnings BBQ—The Society has been offered another Bunnings BBQ for Sunday September 28th.

SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW SUPPLEMENT

Please read carefully

WINTER SHOW Saturday 12th July 9am – 3pm
BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Show Schedule for our **Winter** show is included with the **June** newsletter. Please read the schedule carefully and familiarise yourself with the rules.

Raffle The show raffle is a major fund raiser for our society. Booklets of tickets will be available at the **June** meeting so please try to sell some tickets (**\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00**) and return the money and stubs (sold or unsold) at the Show. There will be three prizes:

1st prize will be two orchids;

2nd prize will be a Family Day Pass to Shoalhaven Zoo;

3rd prize will be \$50 Bunnings card.

Please return all raffle tickets, sold or unsold. The raffle is a way that all members can help contribute to the cost of running our show even if they are limited in being able to help in other ways so please help our Society out by selling the tickets and returning them.

You do not need to pre-register your entries, but you do need to fill in the Plant Entry form.

Entry Forms Your Entry Form is included with your newsletter. **Please have it filled in with your plant names and classes and give it to the Benching Marshal when you have finished benching your plants.**

These sheets are used for recording results so please enter plant names accurately and legibly.

Benching on Friday 11th July will take place between 2.00pm and 4.00pm at Bomaderry. Note that 4.00pm is the finishing time. If possible, please bench your plants yourself. This means finding the right class for your plant on the tables. If you are not sure which is the correct class, please ask **Brian Phelan** or another Open grower.

Benching This means finding the right class for your plant on the tables. **Do not move other members' plants, please ask the Show Marshal to do this.** If you are not sure which is the correct class, please ask Show Marshal. Brian Phelan. or Asst. Show Marshal. Martin Montebello. or an Open grower. You will need to fill in a benching card for each exhibit with the plant name on the front and your name on the back. Place it in front of the pot on the side that you want the plant to face the judges, i.e., its best aspect. You should also have a name tag concealed in the pot to ensure there is no confusion about ownership at pack-up time. Benching cards will be available at the **June** meeting. These are made from card, not the usual paper ones.

Helpers are required for selling raffle tickets, to provide security for our orchids and to be available to talk to the public. Please consider volunteering a couple of hours of your time to support the society. A roster will be circulated at the **June** meeting to enlist helpers.

Sales Table Members are reminded that the Society's commission on plant sales is 10%. Orchids, ferns and/or foliage plants **only** can be sold. Plants for sale should be healthy, free from pests and/or disease and well established in their pots. Members wishing to sell plants on the sales table must either:

- exhibit some plants in the show, **OR**
- be rostered on to work at the show.

Sale of Benched Orchids Members may offer exhibited plants for sale, but these cannot be collected until the end of the show. **For sale** cards are available from the Sales Table team and members will need to give the Sales Table a list of plants and prices.

Sale of native orchids Members wishing to sell native orchids (species and hybrids) should refer to the NSW Native Orchid Information Guidelines. SOS Native orchid tags are available from the President.

Advertising posters will be distributed at the **June** meeting for display in local shops/noticeboards. Perhaps place one on your car window if it doesn't block your vision. Please help advertise our Show. Email newsletter members will be sent one which they are welcome to download.

Trophies A reminder for winners of the Champion trophies at the **2024 Winter Show** to **please return them to the June meeting** cleaned/polished ready to go on the Champions table at the Show if they have not already been returned.

Show sponsors Our generous sponsors deserve our support. Check your show schedule and keep the list of sponsors handy so that the next time you need supplies you can support the businesses that support us.

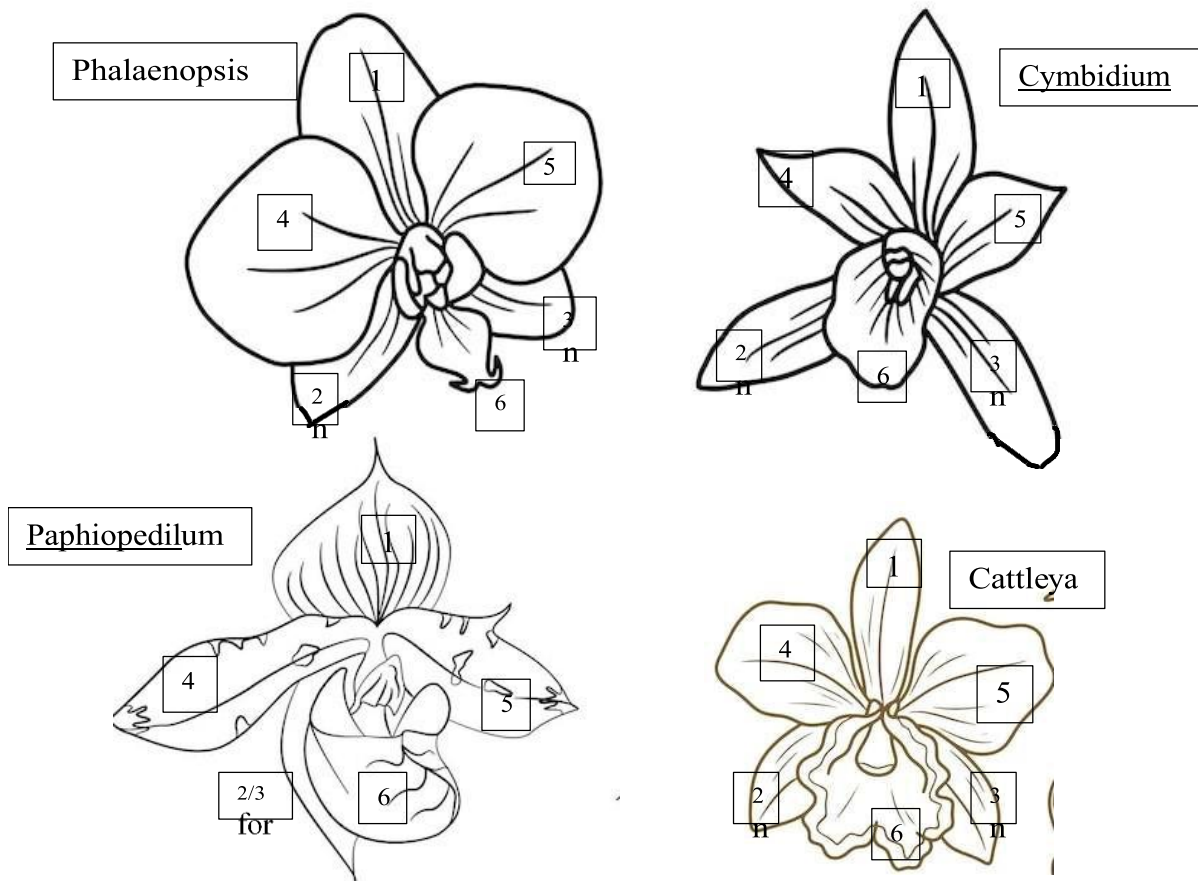
Opening/closing The Show will open at 9.00am on Saturday. The scheduled finishing time is **3.00pm**. *Please be on hand to pick up your plants promptly* or arrange for another member to collect your plants.

Donations of cakes, slices or biscuits for the volunteer workers would be appreciated.

Donations of plants suitable for giving to children who visit our show will also be most welcome.

Plastic bags/boxes for the sales table are also welcome.

Orchid Flowers



Parts of the orchid flower

1. Dorsal sepal (Note: on paphs and some other orchids the lateral sepals are fused.)
- 2.- 3. Lateral sepals
- 4.- 5. Petals
6. Lip or Labellum

If orchid leaves are the 'kitchen' of orchid plants, then the flowers would be the bedroom. Orchids have flowers for one reason – so that they can be pollinated, produce seed and the next generation of orchid plants created. Orchid flowers come in a multitude of shapes, sizes, scents and colours – all cleverly designed to attract a pollinator whose job is to transfer the male pollinia to the female stigma which is then transferred to the ovary and the seed capsules are formed.

The labellum, a modified petal, is usually the biggest and most striking part of the flower with bright colours, spots, stripes, etc. It is a landing platform for the pollinator and the structure of the lip often guides the pollinator to the part of the flower bearing the pollinia which it needs to collect to transfer to the next flower it visits.

Sometimes a genetic mutation causes the petals to mimic the shape, colour and patterning on the labellum. These peloric orchids are becoming quite popular with orchid hobbyists but they would certainly confuse the pollinators. Lynne Phelan

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NOTICES

Bishops Discount Card. A new discount card will be issued when you renew your membership. Please bring your old card to the meeting to exchange for the new card. Secretary Francoise has the new cards.

Library. Books! Our society has many great books for Speak to Robin who would be delighted to help you.

Attendance Book. Members and guests must sign the attendance book. This is required for insurance purposes. Our insurance cover applies to your attendance at any society organised event. ***If you don't sign, you're not covered.*** Please sign beside your number given by the society.

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.**

2025 Shoalhaven Orchid Society

What's On at a Glance

Committee Meetings 2025

Tuesday 1st July 10.00am

Society Meetings 2025

Saturday Day Meetings 10am – 1pm

21st June – Brian/Martin “How to prepare your Plants for a Show”

19th July – TBA

16th August – Ken Coates “Growing Orchids in a Cooler Climate”

15th Sept – Richard Dimon – Orchid trip to Borneo and Peninsula Malaysia

20th October- Neutrog Representative

17th November- TBA

15th December – Christmas Party

Society Shows 2025

SOS Inc. Winter Show Saturday 12th July

SOS Inc. Spring Show Saturday 30th August

SOS Inc. October Show Saturday 18th October

Society Coming Events

Native Orchid Walk- TBA

Potting Day- TBA

Other Society Shows

MUOS

Winter Show 5th – 6th July

Spring Show 13th - 14th September

BBOFS

Winter Show 19th – 20th July

Spring Show 6th – 7th September

Native Show 18th – 19th October

IDOS

Winter Show 5th – 6th July

Spring Show 6th – 7th September

October Show 11th October

Growing Competition 2025

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.

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

March. Den. Phena's Charm 'Genesis' x Spec. Moonmere

April. Sarc. Bunyip 'Dark Horizon' x Kulnura Bliss 'Orange Ring'

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ORCHID EVENTS 2025

Mingara Orchid Fair and Show – 28th-29th June

National Orchid Extravaganza, The Arena Sports Club, Yagoona 8th- 10th August

St Ives Orchid Fair – St Ives Showground, St Ives. 15th – 17th August.

Australian Native Orchid Show Revesby Workers Club – September 6th

Paphiopedilum and Cymbidium Show, Yagoona -TBA

South & West Regional Show & Conference

Fitzroy Pavillion, Exhibition Park, Canberra September 20th-21st

Orchids Central, Club Condell Park, Condell Pk. 17th-19th October

OSNSW Summer Show, Ermington Main Hall, Ermington 13th-14th December