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## NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2025

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Sandra Ellis 2025.

**Next Meeting: Monday Night 15<sup>th</sup> September**

**Bomaderry Community Centre. 19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry.**

Room opens at 6.00pm for set up; benching to be **finished** by 7.00pm, Popular Vote 7.00pm-7.15pm,  
Novice Corner 7.15pm-7.30pm. Meeting commences at 7.30pm. Many hands make light work.

**Guest Speaker:** – Richard Dimon, his trip to Borneo & Peninsular Malaysia.

**Novice Corner-** Martin, Spring Preparation



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am starting to enjoy the first days of Spring with the days getting slightly warmer and the daylight hours increasing. It will soon be time to do some repotting.

Our Spring Show was another excellent show, with members displaying their well grown orchids and ferns. A total of 163 orchids and 8 ferns and foliage were benched. Congratulations to Sue and Martin Montebello for winning both the Champion Orchid of the Show and the Reserve Champion. Well done to the Champion winners and to all members who contributed plants for exhibiting. To members who gave of their time to volunteer for part of the day or a full day, thank you, it is much appreciated. Many would have seen the spectacular photos on Facebook that Richard Korber took at the show. Also, there was a photographer from ABC Illawarra and another Facebook contributor both of whom took more amazing photos – the word is getting out about our great shows. There were a total of 443 visitors.

The South and West Region Show & Conference in Canberra is fast approaching – 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. with set up on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. Approx. 8 members have booked for the show and are also participating in the creation of a 2m x 2m orchid display. Two years ago, at the previous Regional Show our society won the best display and were presented with a beautiful timber perpetual trophy. While it would be very nice to win it again, it is just so good to be there and be swept up with the atmosphere and catch up with people you haven't seen for a while. We will be needing members orchids to take with us to Canberra, and we are hoping that you may lend your good quality orchids for this show. (More information in Newsletter or attached).

Our next Bunnings BBQ will be on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September. At the moment the roster is almost full. Two members are needed for serving on the 1st Shift, 8am to 11am and three members are needed as floaters across the 3 shifts.

Looking forward to our September Guest Speaker, Richard Dimon. Richard has visited us before speaking about endangered orchids and how they have unlocked the secret of propagating them. Richard works for the Sydney Botanic Gardens in a research capacity. His talk at the next meeting will be about his orchid trip to Borneo and Peninsular Malaysia.

Both Illawarra District O/S and Milton/Ulladulla O/S are having their Spring Shows on the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. You may enjoy a visit.

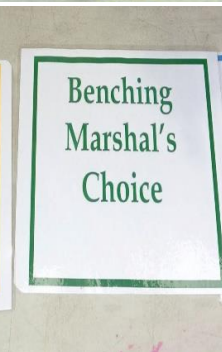
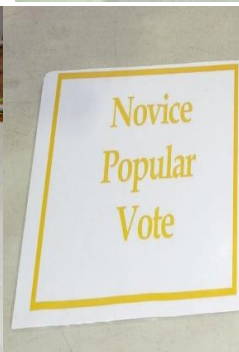
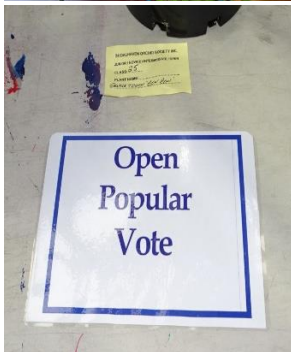
Warm regards,

Louise



BENCHING RESULTS		Month August	Year 2025
Class	Orchid Name		Name of Grower
NOVICE			
Cymbidium	Cym. Radiant Ruby ‘Aussie Gem’		K. Carter
Oncidiinae Alliance	Onc. Calico Gem ‘Green Valley’		K. Carter
Laeliinae Alliance	Catt. Dream Trader ‘Penelope’		R. Ballard
Australian Native Species/hybrid	Den. Hilda Poxon		S. Lester
Miscellaneous orchid	Phal. Unknown		K. Carter
Novice Orchid of the Night	Catt. Dream Trader ‘Penelope’		R. Ballard
INTERMEDIATE			
Paphiopedilum	Paph. Gigi x P. Personella		W. Lee
Australian Native Species/hybrid	Den. Aussie Rhubarb x Jass		R. Wraight
Species orchid	Coelogyne wenzellii		W. Lee
Intermediate Orchid of the Night	Paph. Gigi x P. Personella		W. Lee
OPEN			
Paphiopedilum – species/hybrid	Paph. Unknown		G. Jonas
Dendrobium – species/hybrid	Den. Microchip		R. Korber
Laeliinae Alliance	Catt. purpurata ‘Ruby’ c Catt. Mari’s Song		J. Clarke
Species	Laelia anceps White Magic x Marble Queen		L. Phelan
Australian native hybrid	Den. Australian Artist		R. Korber
Australian native species	Den. teretifolium		J. Clarke
Cymbidium	Cym. Gentle Touch ‘Bon Bon’		J. Clarke
Miscellaneous orchid	Masd. Wilma Mastin		B. Phelan
Open Orchid of the Night	Cym. Gentle Touch ‘Bon Bon’		J. Clarke
Species of the Night	Coelogyne Unknown		R. Korber
Hybrid of the Night	Catt. Dream Trader ‘Penelope’		R. Ballard
Benching Marshal’s Choice	Catt. Dream Trader ‘Penelope’		R. Ballard
Growing Competition	5 points N. Weatherby, 3 points S. Ellis, 1 point M. de Launey		
Number of plants benched 55		Number of Growing comp. plants 3	







## Spring show winners



## **FROM THE COMMITTEE**

### **Reminder**

Our General Meetings are reverting to the 3rd Monday night of the month, so our next meeting is Monday 15th September.

### **September Novice Corner**

Martin - Spring Preparation

### **Spring Show Raffle Winners**

1st Prize - Robyn

2nd Prize - Kris

3rd Prize - Francoise

Lucky Dorr Prize - Jenny

### **Air Fern**

A large air-fern kindly donated by Sharyon Wynn has been divided and pieces will be available to members for a gold coin donation.

### **Society Badges**

Anyone with an incorrect logo on their badge, please hand these in to Stafford and they will be replaced at no cost to you. New badges will need to be paid for by the member.

### **South & West Regional Show**

We all wish our delegation of members making their way to Canberra on September 19 - 21 to represent our Society every success and safe travels. We won this trophy 2 years ago at Cobargo.

### **Bunnings BBQ Sunday 28th September**

Whilst the roster is looking fairly good, there are still a couple of spots that we need to fill. If you are able to assist at all, please get in touch.

Two of our neighbouring orchid societies are having their Spring Shows on the same weekend – 13 th – 14 th September. You may like to visit.

ILLAWARRA DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY

Saturday 9am – 4pm & Sunday 9am – 4pm

Senior Citizens Hall, Benaud St. Warilla

MILTON ULLADULLA ORCHID SOCIETY

Saturday 9am – 3pm & Sunday 9am – 2pm

Ulladulla Civic Centre, Princes Highway, Ulladulla

## Fragrant Orchids

Did you track down a wonderfully fragrant orchid at the Winter Show or at the July meeting? Many of the orchids benched had sweet perfumes but I particularly noticed



Louise's *Rlc. (Cattleya)* Jinn Feng Wish 'Classical' which has a quite strong but delicate, spicy scent.

There are many cattleyas, particularly those that were previously called *Rhyncolaeliocattleyas* (*Rlc.*), that are delightfully fragrant. Many of the cattleya species are pleasantly scented. In fact, many orchid species are scented but not all are pleasant; some are downright stinky.

Following are some (to me\*) nicely fragrant cool-growing orchids and hybrids that I have grown, and which should be fairly readily available to purchase.

Most of us are familiar with the heady fragrance of the zygopetalums and their hybrids. As well as being easy to grow, these stunning purple and green orchids have long-lasting flowers and tolerate a wide range of growing conditions. Zygos have been used to make many intergeneric crosses and most of these inherit the lovely fragrance of the species.

*Neofinetia* (now *Vanda*) *falcata* is another fragrant orchid that I find easy to grow and flower. It is scented both in the daytime and at night. *Neostylis* (*Vandachostylis*) Lou Sneary has *Neofinetia falcata* as a parent and it is also nicely scented.

Some orchids are only scented in the nighttime. I used to have *Brassavola nodosa* which starts exuding its Lily-of-the valley perfume at dusk when its pollinators, nocturnal moths, come out. Similarly, the angraecums give off their perfume at night when their pollinators are active. It is worth taking a trip out to the greenhouse in the evening if you have any of these in flower as they lose their fragrance in the daytime.

*Cymbidium* Golden Elf 'Stardust' has a subtle rose aroma. *Cymbidium tracyanum* and *Cymbidium ensifolium* are both fragrant though *tracyanum* can be a bit overpowering – as can *Dendrobium speciosum*. Not an orchid you want to carry in the car with you on a long trip.

*Bifrenaria harrisoniae* is another orchid that has a delightful citrusy fragrance. Quite a few of the dendrobium species are scented including *pierardii*, *anosmum*, *aphyllum* and *jenkinsii*. These are just a few of the many, many orchids that have fragrance as a bonus.

\*Disclaimer: Fragrance is selective: what pleases me may not appeal to you. If you want to add fragrance to your collection, my advice to you is to slow down and smell the orchids at shows and meetings to find orchids that you will be happy to live with.

**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 2<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am

## **Society Meetings 2025**

**15<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Richard Dimon, his trip to Borneo & Peninsular Malaysia.

**20<sup>th</sup> October**- Neutrog Representative

**17<sup>th</sup> November**- TBA

**15<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Party

## **Society Shows 2025**

**SOS Inc. October Show Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

## **Society Coming Events**

**Native Orchid Walk**- TBA

**Potting Day**- TBA

## **Other Society Shows**

### **MUOS**

Spring Show 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> September

### **BBOFS**

Spring Show 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> September

Native Show 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> October

### **IDOS**

Spring Show 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September

October Show 11<sup>th</sup> October

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## **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'

**May.** Zga. Pine Road x Zygo. Kosciuszko x Zga. Clare Fisher 'Amanda'

**June.** Den. Phena's Charm 'Genesis' x Spec. Moonmere

**July.** Sarc. Bunyip 'Dark Horizon' x Kulnura Bliss 'Orange Ring'

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## **ORCHID EVENTS 2025**

**South & West Regional Show & Conference**  
Fitzroy Pavillion, Exhibition Park, Canberra  
September 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

**Orchids Central, Club Condell Park, Condell Pk.**  
**17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> October**

**OSNSW Summer Show, Ermington Main Hall,**  
**Ermington 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> December**

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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