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## SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY

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**Next Meeting: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2026**

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

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

**Guest Speaker:** Brian & Martin will give a short 15 - 20 minutes talk on how to best prepare your Orchids for a show.



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Winter is now here as we try to stay warm during the cooler months. I am surprised to hear that some people enjoy this time of year. I much prefer the shoulder seasons of Autumn and Spring.

Most of our orchids are growing less now and some are entering into a dormant time. For more information on looking after your orchids in Winter, check out our SOS website – Articles, where it not only has winter orchid culture, plus the 3 other seasons but other worthwhile informative subjects to read.

Our Annual Charity Auction held last meeting was a success and raised the sum \$950. Margaret Goodman the President of Shoalhaven Kids in Need Charity was very appreciative when hearing of our member's donation. Margaret will be at our June Meeting. Thank you to all members who generously donated orchid plants, ferns and orchid books. Congratulations members who bid and won the plant/s of their choice. To the members who bid and did not win, there is always next time.

Another successful Bunnings BBQ was held on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May. A very big thankyou to all our volunteers. The BBQ raised \$1934. The day starts before 8am and finishes before 4pm and there are 3 volunteer shifts. We are very fortunate that we have been given another Bunnings BBQ to be held on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> October. I must say we all enjoy on the day a laugh, talk orchids, shadehouses, you name it and the time for most goes quite quickly. We have a number of members who always volunteer and committee are very grateful for this, but we would like to see a few more new faces.

Committee are putting the final touches to our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration to be held after our June meeting in the hall. We look forward to sharing with you our society's special day. (Please see note in this Newsletter).

Recently, the Shoalhaven Heads Botanic Gardens invited our society to have a promotion table at their Open Day. Ray Bristow and myself attended on behalf of the society and enjoyed the 4 hours we were there handing out society flyers to the garden's visitors. The time went quickly talking to the public about orchids and I must say the *Bulbophyllum rosthchildianum* drew much attention as visitors had not seen an orchid like it before. Thanks Ray for your help on the day.

Our Winter show will be here before you know it, setting up on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July. Keep preening your orchids so that they will be at their best for the show. For a few extra tips, Show Marshals Brian and Martin will be talking at our June Meeting on – Orchid Preparation for Shows.

Warm regards,

Louise



<b>BENCHING RESULTS</b>		<b>Month May</b>	<b>Year 2026</b>
Class	Orchid Name	Name of Grower	
<b>NOVICE</b>			
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Oncidesa</i> Possum Woolf 'Carolyn'	K. Carter	
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Catt.</i> Brunswick Gem 'Coral' x <i>C.</i> Dal's Choice 'Rudak'	R. Ballard	
Species	<i>Prosthechea cochleata</i>	A-M Collins	
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Sartylis</i> Toowoomba Sparkle 'Coconut Ice'	A-M Collins	
<b>Novice Orchid of the Night</b>	<b><i>Prosthechea cochleata</i></b>	<b>A-M Collins</b>	
<b>INTERMEDIATE</b>			
Species orchid	<i>Paph. insigne</i>	B. Smythe	
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Laelia anceps</i> Blumen Insel x <i>L. anceps</i> Irwins	R Bristow	
<b>Intermediate Orchid of the Night</b>	<b><i>Paph. insigne</i></b>	<b>B. Smythe</b>	
<b>OPEN</b>			
Paphiopedilum – species/hybrid	<i>Paph. villosum</i> '4010 Yellow' #A x Sib <i>Paph.</i> Hsinying Leopard 'Red Impulse'	M & S Montebello M & S Montebello	
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Onc.</i> Lava Burst 'Puanani'	M & S Montebello	
Dendrobium – species/hybrid	<i>Den.</i> Yaya Victoria 'Montebello'	M & S Montebello	
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Catt.</i> Unknown	G. Jonas	
Vandaceous Hybrid	<i>Phal.</i> Carmina Royale	M & S Montebello	
Species	<i>Bulbophyllum rothschildianum</i>	L. Gannon	
Australian native hybrid	<i>Den.</i> Kings Cosmic Glory	R. Findlater	
Australian native species	<i>Den. monophyllum</i>	F. Sikora	
Cymbidium	<i>Cym.</i> Pharaoh's Dream 'Barcelona'	J. Clarke	
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Zygo.</i> Debbie de Mellow 'Honolulu Bay'	R. Hahn	
<b>Open Orchid of the Night</b>	<b><i>Cym.</i> Pharaoh's Dream 'Barcelona'</b>	<b>J. Clarke</b>	
<b>Species of the Night</b>	<b><i>Bulbophyllum rothschildianum</i></b>	<b>L. Gannon</b>	
<b>Hybrid of the Night</b>	<b><i>Den.</i> Yaya Victoria 'Montebello'</b>	<b>M &amp; S Montebello</b>	
<b>Benching Marshal's Choice</b>	<b><i>Paph. insigne</i></b>	<b>B. Smythe</b>	
Growing Competition	N/A		
<b>Number of plants benched 75</b>		<b>Number of seedlings 9</b>	<b>Best: <i>Den.</i> Glory White x <i>Den.</i> Siriratana</b>



**From The Committee.**

**Saturday meetings** - Saturday June 20th sees the first of our Winter Saturday morning meetings.

**Novice Corner** - There will be no Novice Corner at the June Meeting.

**June Guest Speaker** - Brian & Martin will give a short 15 - 20 minutes talk on how to best prepare your Orchids for a show.

**New Member** - We warmly welcome Vicki Black as a Novice. We hope that you enjoy your time with us and learn lots about Orchids.

**Bunnings BBQ** - We held a successful Bunnings BBQ and we would like to thank all the volunteers that helped on the day.

**Winter Show** - Is next month on Saturday July 11th. Volunteer roster sheet will be circulated at the June meeting. Please let Francoise know if you are able to assist.

**70th Anniversary Lunch** - We will be celebrating our 70th Anniversary after our meeting on June 20th with a sit down lunch put on by the Society. Please bring your own cutlery and mug, otherwise there are some available in the hall.

Regards

Francoise



# SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW SUPPLEMENT

*Please read carefully*

WINTER SHOW Saturday 11 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.

*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 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 10<sup>th</sup> July** will take place between 2.00pm and 4.00pm at Bomaderry. Note that 4.00pm is the finishing time.

**Benching NEW CONDITIONS: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY** When you arrive, please see the benching marshals, Brian or Martin, **BEFORE** you bench your plants. The benching marshals will tell you when it is time for you to bench your plants. A staging area will be available for members who need to leave before their plants can be benched. The marshals will bench them for you. Make sure you leave your benching cards with your plants. **Under no circumstances should you move other member's plant. If there is not enough space for your plant, please ask a Show Marshal for help.** If you are not sure which is the correct class, ask the show marshals 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 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. Show benching cards will be available at the **June** meeting.

**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 for a couple of hours 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.

**Sales 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 that they are welcome to download.

**Trophies** A reminder for winners of the Champion trophies at the **2025 Winter Show** to **please return them to the June meeting** cleaned/polished ready to go on the Champions table at the Show.

**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.

**Bags/boxes** for the sales table are also welcome.





### SOS 70 TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

Will be held in the hall directly after the June Meeting finishes on Saturday 20th June. A hot lunch will be served buffet style, followed by desserts, tea/coffee and a special Anniversary Cake made by our very own cake decorating expert, Mary Ahonen. Members are asked to please bring cutlery and a mug, or there will be kitchen cutlery available. Cutlery and mugs will be available for invited guests. Members who would like to bring along any memorabilia they may have from our society's past, are very welcome to place it on our Memorabilia Table for everyone to see. I am sure we all look forward to celebrating our society's 70 years of orchid growing and the many friendships it has fostered along the way. I hope to see you there!

Louise

**The Society thanks its generous sponsors.  
We encourage members to support them.**



## 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.**

2026 Shoalhaven Orchid Society  
*What's On at a Glance*

### Committee Meetings 2026

Tuesday 2nd June 10.00am

### Society Meetings 2026

**Saturday Day Meetings 10am – 1pm**

**20<sup>th</sup> June – 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch**

**18<sup>th</sup> July – 18<sup>th</sup> July - Potting Mixes Member's use.**

**15<sup>th</sup> August - TBA**

**21<sup>st</sup> September – Dylan Morrissey talking on Native Orchids of the South Coast**

**19<sup>th</sup> October- TBA**

**16<sup>th</sup> November- Jan Robinson - topic to be announced**

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

### Society Shows 2026

**SOS Inc. Winter Show Saturday 11th July**

**SOS Inc. Spring Show Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

**SOS Inc. October Show Saturday 17th October**

### Society Coming Events

**Native Orchid Walk- TBA**

**Potting Day- TBA**

**Society Get-Together -TBA**

### Other Society Shows

#### MUOS

Winter Show 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July

Spring Show 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September

#### BBOFS

**South & West Regional Workshop -21<sup>st</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> March**

Winter Show 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> July

Spring Show 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> September

Native Show 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> October

#### IDOS

Winter Show 4<sup>th</sup> July

Spring Show 12<sup>th</sup> September

October Show 24<sup>th</sup> October

### Growing Competition 2026

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

#### Growing Competition plant to be brought in every 2nd month

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

**March- Nil**

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

**May. Nil**

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

**July. Nil**

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

**September. - Nil**

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

**November. Nil**

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

### ORCHID EVENTS 2026

**Mingara Orchid Fair and Show** 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi

**National Orchid Extravaganza** – 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August.

The Arena Sports Club, Yagoona

**St Ives Orchid Fair-** 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> August.

St Ives Showground, St Ives.

**Australian Native Orchid Show,** Revesby Workers Club – TBA

**Orchids Central-** 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September

Club Condell Park, Condell Pk.

**OSNSW Summer Orchid Festival-** 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> December

Georges Hall Community Centre, Georges Hall