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SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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Shoalhaven Orchid Society Inc

December 2020

SOCIETY INFORMATION

**VENUE: BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE
17 BIRRILEY STREET, BOMADERRY.**

NEXT MEETING

Monday 21st December 7.00pm

Meeting room is open at 6.30pm *

Benching to be **finished** by 7.00pm.

Novice Corner 7.00 – 7.15pm

Popular Vote 7.15 – 7.30pm

Meeting opens 7.30pm.

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

GROWING COMPETITION

December *Den.* Australian Obsession 'Purple Paddle Pop' x *D.* Starsheen 'Botanic Fireworks' and *Sarc.* Elegance 'Super' x *Sarc.* Sweetheart 'Speckles'



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.



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Merry Christmas



Members, this is the last newsletter for 2020.

May your Christmas and New Year be filled with joy, love, peace and harmony.

I look forward to seeing you back here healthy, happy and raring to get into 2021.

Please note my email has changed—new email above.

COVID REGISTER



As well as signing the Attendance book, please also remember to sign the **COVID Register** and use the hand sanitiser provided when you arrive at the meeting.

THE SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY MEETS ON THE **THIRD MONDAY** OF THE MONTH- at **7.00 PM** IN THE BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE, 17-19 BIRRILEY STREET, BOMADERRY.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



It's not long now till the end of the year and what a year it has been, bushfires, floods and then COVID hitting our country – the world, like a ton of bricks. Thankfully, here in Australia we are faring much better than most overseas countries. Let's all hope that a vaccination is found soon so life can get back to being somewhat normal.

Thank you members who worked on our Bunnings BBQ held recently in their new store. It was a great success raising \$1392.13 net profit. A big thank you to organisers Sandra and Yvonne.

We will no longer be having any shows at the Bomaderry Bowling Club following their decision not to waive their new very expensive room hire fees. It was a comfortable place to hold our shows but we have had to move on and as they say "one door closes and another opens". We have already booked our meeting hall for three one day shows next year in July, September and October.

Our December meeting will be our Annual Presentation Night with a festive flair and I sincerely hope you will all be able to join us for a great night.

No meeting in January. Our February meeting will be our AGM and all the Committee positions become vacant. Please consider if you would like to be involved in the operation of our Society. George and Mike will be present once again at the February meeting with their orchid products. Please contact them beforehand if you wish to purchase large items like trays etc. or to ensure they will bring down from Sydney what you need. (on-line at 'Orchid Supplies by George & Mike' or phone George 0409 521 869, Mike 0407 553 693).

I wish all our Committee, members and their families, all the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

Warm regards,
Louise

CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

As announced at the November meeting, the document circulated with the last newsletter containing the proposed changes to the constitution was incomplete. The revised changes are being sent along with this newsletter for consideration at the December meeting. In accordance with our existing constitution, changes may only be made with the endorsement of two-thirds majority of eligible members present and voting at a general meeting. The committee's proposed changes will be explained and members asked to vote their acceptance at the December General Meeting.

SOCIETY BY-LAWS

Committee has made a slight amendment to the Society's by-laws to increase the flexibility of timing for visiting speakers. Clause 2.3 currently states:

2.3 - A twenty minute supper break will be held *after the guest speaker and before the continuance of the meeting* to enable members to view the winning plants for the night.

The phrase *after the guest speaker and before the continuance of the meeting* has been deleted so the guest speaker may choose when they would like to do their presentation.

DECEMBER MEETING



For our final meeting of the year we will be having a special festive supper. The society will provide soft drink/juice, sweets/desserts, plates, plastic cups etc. Members are invited to contribute a savoury platter of finger foods to share. Due to continuing COVID 19 restrictions the supper will be served to members. There is a small microwave for reheating if required.

GIANT RAFFLE

We will again have a supersized raffle as part our festivities at the December meeting. Members are invited to donate a wrapped (if appropriate) gift which could be an orchid or something edible, drinkable or other item to make a fellow member happy.



Current Life Members Shoalhaven Orchid Society

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

Peter and Jane D'Olier - Orchids of Papua New Guinea

Peter and Jane D'Olier were our November guest speakers and gave a very informative talk on the orchids and life in Papua New Guinea. They gave us all an insight to their personal travels throughout PNG and how the locals live. Members were very interested to learn about the challenges in Papua New Guinea and had many questions to ask.

Thank you Peter and Jane for a very interesting and informative presentation.
Louise presented Jane and Peter with a token of appreciation and thanks on behalf of members.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL for 2021

Members are now able to renew their membership for 2021. Membership dues remain at **\$30 Family, \$20 Single and \$10 Partner of Life Member**. Payment can be made at a General Meeting, by cheque to the Society (address at the top) or by direct deposit to **Shoalhaven Orchid Society, BSB 062585, Account No. 10263191**.

Please remember to include your name in the 'description' if you are making a direct deposit so we know who it's from.



CASH OR CARD?

In recognising that many people these days prefer to use card transactions over cash, the society is investing in a device that will enable us to take payments using a debit card. Once purchased, the reader will be available for members' use at meetings for sales or to pay dues and will be invaluable at shows for members of the public. Our former treasurer, Tom, noted that at previous shows many members of the public were disappointed that they could not use a card for plant purchases.

NOVICE CORNER

Between 7pm and 7.15pm newer growers can speak to experienced grower. 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*'!

John Clancy is our Novice Corner Coordinator. 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 of expertise 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 4443 9072 or email john.clancy50@me.com.

November Novice Corner with Ron Findlater on Dendrobium Care and Culture

Thank you Ron for your informative talk about dendrobium care.



Supper While we are still operating under Covid 19 restrictions members should continue to bring their own cup/mug which you leave on the kitchen counter near the sign for the beverage of your choice – tea or coffee. The eats are provided by members on a voluntary basis and it seems to work if each member contributes a share plate to a few meetings each year.

BENCHING YOUR ORCHIDS AT A MEETING.

The Benching Marshal thanks members for ensuring that benching was completed in a timely manner at recent meetings. Please make sure all plants are benched in their correct sections **before 7.00pm**. If you are not sure where to put a plant please ask Don or another Open grower. If you are bringing in lots of plants please arrive early so you have time to complete benching before 7.00pm.

CHANGES TO THE ANNUAL SEEDLING COMPETITION

Starting with our December meeting the monthly entrants in the annual seedling competition will be judged by the benching marshal and assistants and a winner will be announced at the meeting. This plant will be photographed and the winner will be judged by a member's popular vote at the end of the year.

BENCHING ELEVATION

Congratulations to **Francoise Sikora** who has been elevated to Intermediate Section and to **Gary Jonas** who will now bench in Open Section. Members in those sections will face some real competition from these two very good growers.



LIBRARY

Temporarily suspended
until further notice



WISH LIST

Looking for a special plant??

Email Teresa (email address front page) with
Your Name, Phone number & plant name
and I will add it to our newsletter.



2021 ORCHID SHOWS

The Committee has been advised by the Bomaderry Bowling Club that, should the function rooms be available for shows in 2021, significant hire charges will be levied. This would amount to around \$3,000 for the three shows. Committee has decided that this is not a viable option for us. After discussing alternatives it has been decided that the shows will be held at our regular meeting venue, the Bomaderry Community Centre. Because the Centre is not available on a Sunday there will be three one-day shows with set up and judging on Friday and the show open to the public on Saturday.

The Community Centre Management has advised us that we will be able to hold three one-day shows there in 2021 with the dates being: Winter Show 10th July with set-up on 9th July; Spring Show on 4th September (set-up 3rd September) and October Show on 23rd October (set-up on 22nd).

NEW SPONSOR & NEW GROWING COMPETITION PLANT

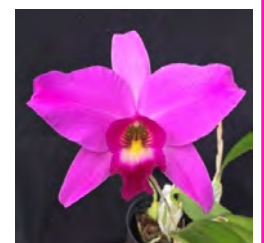
Royale Orchids at Peats Ridge have kindly donated 45 seedlings of *Laelia anceps* 'Wallbrunn' x *L. anceps* 'Rosminah' for our growing competition. These orchids will be distributed at the December meeting.

The picture is of *Laelia anceps* 'Wallbrunn' x *L. anceps* 'Rosminah' taken from the Cal-Orchid website.

Laelia anceps is extremely hardy and very easy to grow. *Laelia anceps* culture notes will be available at the December meeting.

As well as the orchids, Clinton Hipkins, the proprietor of Royale Orchids, is giving each member who receives one of the new growing comp. plants a \$10.00 voucher which can be redeemed on a purchase from the nursery. This is a very generous sponsorship and we hope members will support our new sponsor.

The nursery is located at:
70 Brieses Road, Peats Ridge, NSW, 2250
and it is open to the public
between 9.00am – 5.00pm
Thursday to Sunday.



Benching Results - November 2020

Category	Plant	Owner
JUNIOR		
NOVICE		
Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Kuranda 'Arthur Dawson'</i>	F. Sikora
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Bnfd. Guided Tower 'Mystic Maze'</i>	T. Bourke
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>C. Unknown</i>	R. Ditchburn
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Phal. Unknown</i>	T. Bourke
Novice Orchid of the Night x 2	<i>Cym. Kuranda 'Arthur Dawson'</i> <i>Phal. Unknown</i>	F. Sikora T. Bourke
INTERMEDIATE		
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. Helene Colbert x Holdenii x Holdenii alba</i>	G. Jonas
Australian native species/hybrid	<i>Sarc. George Colthop x S. Velvet 'Cool Dude'</i>	J. Harriman
Species orchid	<i>Phaius tankervilleae</i>	G. Jonas
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Vuyl. Melissa Brianne 'Shady Lady'</i>	J. Clarke
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>C. Yellow Bird x Caudebec x Chunyeah 'Taiwan Queen'</i>	G. Jonas
Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Dr M Seaton 'Sweet Devon'</i>	J. Clarke
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Phal. Unknown</i>	G. Jonas
Intermediate Orchid of the Night	<i>Phaius tankervilleae</i>	G. Jonas
OPEN		
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. Via Model Susan v Veritalaria Susan x Amanda Hill</i>	D. Hogan
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Milt. Golden Gem x Onc. leucochilum</i>	D. Hogan
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Merlin Flake 'White Ruffles' x D. Yukidaruma 'King'</i>	P. Harrington
Laeliinae	<i>Lc. Aussie Sunset 'Cosmic Fire'</i>	L. Gannon
Vandaceous Alliance	<i>V. tricolor</i>	A. Stephenson
Species	<i>L. millerii</i>	L. Phelan
Australian native species	<i>Cym. canaliculatum</i>	L. Phelan
Australian native hybrid	<i>Den. (Star of gold x fleckerii) x bigibbum var. compactum</i>	R. Korber
Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Australian Midnight</i>	Stephenson
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Phal. Big Chilli 'The Legend'</i>	J. Clancy
Open Orchid of the Night	<i>Lc. Aussie Sunset 'Cosmic Fire'</i>	L. Gannon
Orchid Species of the Night	<i>L. millerii</i>	L. Phelan
Orchid Hybrid of the Night	<i>Milt. Breathless 'Good Woman'</i>	Phelan
Growing Competition	1. <i>Cym. Arachnid</i>	1st F. Sikora
	2. <i>Den. Australian Obsession 'Purple Paddle Pop' x 'Starsheen'</i> 1 st M. Martin 2 nd T. Bourke 1 point to L. Cowell, L. Phelan, F. Sikora.	

JUDGING RESULTS FOR NOVEMBER 2020

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL



Novice Popular Vote - Phal. Unknown

- Teresa Bourke



Novice Popular Vote - Cym. Kuranda 'Arthur Dawson'

- Francoise Sikora



Intermediate Popular Vote - Phaius tankervilleae

- Garry Jonas



Open Popular Vote - Lc Australian Sunset 'Cosmic Fire'

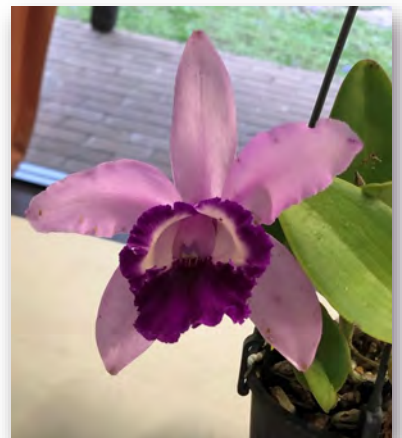
- Louise Gannon



Laelia milleri - Best Species
- L. Phelan



November Benching



SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY INC
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2020
HELD AT BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Meeting opened 7.30pm.

President, Louise Gannon welcomed all members, visitors and a special warm welcome to Jane and Peter D'Olier our guest speakers, tonight talking on Orchids of Papua New Guinea. Louise also reminded everyone to be sure that they have signed the Covid attendance sheet and our Society Attendance Book, maintain social distancing and use hand sanitiser supplied where appropriate.

Apologies: Robyn Gunter, Suzanne Knight and Yvonne Young

Attendance: 31 Members Visitors: 2

Acceptance of Minutes for the October meeting as printed in the November Newsletter were correct:

Moved J. Clancy. 2nd T. Bourke that Minutes be accepted

Correspondence: As Read. Moved F. Sikora. 2nd R. Findlater that correspondence be accepted.

Treasurers Report: As Read. Moved D. Slye. 2nd J. Clarke that Treasurer's report be accepted.

The Committee Report, Treasurer's Report and Correspondence are all up on the easel for members to view. Also, a certificate from Ronald McDonald House in appreciation of the Society donation.

W.H.S. Report: Sandra commented that while the First Aid Officer was not attending meeting that she had the First Aid Kit and let everyone know the location of the kit during meetings.

Novice Corner: Ron Findlater took Novice Corner talking on soft canes dendrobiums. Ron handed out some literature on soft canes and everyone walked away a little wiser. Thank you, Ron.

New Members: Noelene Weatherby and Rhonda Ditchburn were called upon to receive their Welcome packs and plants as they were away for last months meeting. Congratulations.

Louise reminded everyone that tonight is the last night for benching points for this year 2020.

Two members have been elevated. Congratulations to Gary Jonas who has joined his first Society after growing orchids for more than 30 years and was initially placed in intermediate, after his first benching last month he has been elevated to open class. Congratulations to Francoise Sikora elevated from novice to intermediate class. Both received Certificates of Congratulations and both will bench in their new class from the December meeting.

The proposed changes to the constitution that were to be presented to members tonight have been pushed back to the December meeting. One of the proposed changes was missing from the information already sent to members. As there is a mandatory 7-day notice to members for all changes, these will be resent and then voted on at the December meeting.

Committee has decided to make an amendment to one of our By-Laws in regards to monthly meetings. 2.3. states "A

twenty minute supper break shall be held after the guest speaker and before the continuance of the meeting to enable members to view the winning plants for the night", this has been changed to "A twenty minute supper break will be held". This will allow flexibility for the Guest Speaker to present before or after supper, whilst also allowing members that are counting the benching votes not to miss the presentation.

Our three shows next year will not be held at Bomaderry Bowling Club, after our request to have our room hire fees waived was rejected even though we believed our shows brought them much business. The cost would come to approx. \$1000 for our two day shows and approx. \$760 for our one day show. These fees were not sustainable for our society. Alternatively, we have booked Bomaderry Community Centre for three one day shows in 2021, which allows for set up and judging on Friday afternoons/evenings and from 8am to 6pm on Saturdays. The cost for both days is approx. \$283 per show, which is considerably less. Whilst we enjoyed our time at BBC and hosting our shows there, we are no longer affiliated with Bomaderry Bowling Club.

Our recent Bunnings BBQ at the new store was a great success, raising \$1392.13 net profit. With Covid restrictions it made for an interesting and very busy day. A big THANK YOU to Yvonne and Captain Sandra for organising the day and another thank you to Captain Sandra for manning the ship all day. Thankyou to all the helpers, Teresa, Louise, Brian Phelan, Francoise, Diane, John Clancy, John Clarke, Brian Shelvey, Ron, Richard and Phil for volunteering on the day.

Don Hogan recently purchased a number of gongoras and stanhopeas on behalf of the society which are mainly species that are not often seen. These are available on the sales table with a limit of one of each to members. Thank you, Don, for your efforts.

Reminder to members that annual fees are now due, these can be paid to Di our Treasurer this evening.

Our December meeting will be our annual presentation night with a festive flair as we are unable to have a Christmas party as we did last year. We are asking members to please bring a plate of savoury finger food. Our society will provide dessert, drinks (non- alcoholic), plates, plastic cups etc. We will still be having our giant raffle so members are asked to bring along gifts e.g. wine, chocolates, orchids are always popular. A gift that you would like to receive yourself.

Our yearly winners of our friendly competitions will be announced. We are looking forward to a fun filled night to be enjoyed by all.

We broke for supper with Louise reminding everyone to hand sanitise and social distance.

Louise thanked Diane and Brian for serving supper tonight as well as members who brought a plate.

Louise welcomed our guest speakers Jane and Peter D'Olier Louise reminded members that all sales on meeting nights have to go through the sales table, with the exception of Bob Bishop bark pre-ordered from John Harriman.

Members voted on seedling of the year competition tonight with the winner to be announced at the December meeting.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES *Cont'd*

Benching Results: As published in the monthly benching results in our December newsletter.

Growing Competition: As published in the monthly benching results in our December newsletter. There were 73 plants, 6 growing comp. plants and 3 seedlings benched tonight.

Badge Draw: Winner Pauline de Launey

Raffle Winners: G. Jonas, F. Sikora, L. Gannon, J. Clancy, B. Shelvey and T. Gablonski

Louise thanked Teresa for the great job on the Newsletter. It's a joy to read. Dec 2nd is cut-off for anything you want to put in the Newsletter.

Thank you Richard for manning the raffle table and Covid/attendance books. Thank you Sandra, Lynne and Don for doing the counting. Thank you Alan, Sandra for doing the photography. Thank you Phil and Ron for manning the Sales Table.

Thank you everyone that arrives early to help set up, and everyone that stays behind to help clean up. Many hands do make light work.

Next month's meeting is Monday 21st December, hope to see you there.

Louise wished everyone a safe trip home and hopes to see many members at the December meeting.

Meeting Closed at 9.10pm

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COVID Safe - Brian serving supper



Ron and Phil at the sales table



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VISIT TO DON HOGAN'S PLACE

Recently, Don Hogan invited John Clancy and me to his place to see the gongora and stanhoepa orchids he had bought for our Society following a visit to a Central Coast nursery. John and I agreed that Don had purchased well. (These were the plants on the Sales Table at the November meeting).

Don kindly showed us around his orchids. The photo I have attached is of Don's growing area across the back of his yard. Shadecloth covers only the top, leaving the front and sides open. Don grows a variety of orchids here including, cymbidium, oncidiums, sarcocilus, dendrobiums and paphiopedilums. Don also has a number of different stanhoepas which all had very large healthy green leaves.

This growing area receives the very welcome morning sun while the afternoon sun is blocked by a neighbour's tall trees. Another growing area is suited to growing cattleyas. Don certainly has green fingers with both his orchids and gardening plants all growing very well.

Thank you Don for your invitation.
Louise



Don Hogan and John Clancy

Bunnings BBQ—8th November 2020



Early morning setup—Captain Sandra keeping a vigilant eye on proceedings.



The early shift—Brian and the Ladies - Captain Sandra, Teresa, Francoise and Louise



Hard working team - Captain Sandra and her toy boys! Phil, Ron and Richard



Louise - our front of venue guard controlling the crowds and maintaining COVID safety

2020 Shoalhaven Orchid Society *What's On at a Glance*

Committee Meeting 2021

2 February 2021

2021 Program

15 February General Meeting and AGM

Visiting speakers—George and Mike's Orchid Supplies.

SALES TABLE A reminder to members that **all** sales must go through the sales table. The society's commission on sales is a small but important part of our revenue raising and a way our members can help support the club.



IMPORTANT

IMPORTANT NOTICE

about your Bishop's 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. Treasurer Diane will have the new cards when they're ready.



PARKING AT BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE

A reminder to members that the two parking spaces nearest to the rear door of the Community Centre are reserved for our less mobile members.



Growing Competition 2020

Note that we will be benching more than one orchid at each meeting so please bring them all in according to the following schedule. If we get another growing comp. plant during the year we will add it to the schedule.

December *Den.* Australian Obsession 'Purple Paddle Pop' x *D.* Starsheen 'Botanic Fireworks' and *Sarc.* Elegance 'Super' x *Sarc.* Sweetheart 'Speckles'



Yvonne Young - *Cym.* Street Tango 'Ooh Ah'

Marie Martin - White Stanhopea

