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Phalaenopsis unknown.

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2023

GUEST SPEAKER - Gary Hodder will be talking on Deciduous Dendrobiums. Due to technology problems Gary was unable to do this talk last year so we are delighted to have him back to tell us why we shouldn't throw out that orchid that has lost all its leaves!! As most of us have at least one of these types of orchid in our collection it will be great to hear how we can get the most out of these spectacular looking orchids.

SOCIETY INFORMATION

VENUE: BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE
19 BIRRILEY STREET, BOMADERRY.

NEXT MEETING Saturday 17 June, 2023

Meeting room is open at 9:15am for setting up *
Benching to be finished by 10:00am
Novice Corner 10:00am - 10:15am
Popular Vote 10:15am-10:30am Meeting commences 10:30am
* Many hands make for a quick set up/pack up.

WINTER SHOW

Our first show for 2023 is only a few weeks away so keep grooming your orchids and get them show-bench ready.
With this newsletter comes your show schedule and important show information. Please read it carefully and check with the show marshal or an experienced grower if you have any questions.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Hello Members

I know I am not alone in welcoming the day meetings. At this time of year it is much more preferable to going out on a chilly night so hopefully we will have a good turn out to hear our guest speaker's word of wisdom.

With winter's arrival it is important to keep orchid foliage dry overnight and avoid overwatering as cold, wet roots are very susceptible to rot. As the saying goes, if in doubt, leave it for another day. **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

Winter has arrived and I have heard that the weather may not be that cold this season – could that be right!!! Just in case, keep in mind that our orchids don't like cold and rainy days. Try to protect them if you can.

Our Winter Show is fast approaching and I hope you are all grooming your orchids so they look their best for the show on Sat. 8th July. Please read carefully all the show information attached to this newsletter. We will be needing volunteers for the various jobs to help our show day run smoothly. The roster will be circulating at our June meeting.

At the May meeting it was nice meeting the representative from Salt Ministries, Belinda Dover, and to hear all about the good work that they do in our community. I am sure our cheque for \$1360 raised at our March Charity Auction meeting will be well spent.

Our May Meeting turned out to be rather a long night and I apologise for that. I will try to keep an eye on this in the future as many of our members live a good distance from the hall.

Ron Boyd's talk and presentation was well received by members. Ron gave plenty of tips along the way on how to grow paphiopedilum orchids.

The June meeting will be our first Saturday **DAY** Meeting, starting at 10am. Our guest speaker will be Gary Hodder talking on deciduous dendrobiums.

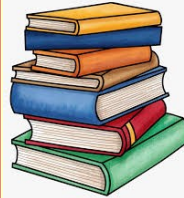
There are plenty of shows starting to happen from now on. It's always interesting to see the different genera that members from other societies grow. If you are planning a short holiday somewhere, check the local towns to see if they have an orchid show that you could attend.

See you all on Sat. 17th June,

Warm regards,
Louise

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. **June: Lynne Phelan will talk about easy-to-grow Epidendrum hybrids. These are good beginner plants.**

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

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. Secretary Françoise has the new cards.

Miltonia or Miltoniopsis?

Many growers use the terms *Miltonia* and *Miltoniopsis* as if they are the same but they are not.

Miltonia (*Milt.*) and *Miltoniopsis* (*Mps.*) are two different genera of orchids. *Miltonia* mostly originated in Brazil, whereas *Miltoniopsis* are primarily Columbian orchids, which is why they can handle cooler temperatures well. *Miltoniopsis* flowers are generally considered the typical 'pansy orchid', whereas *Miltonia* are more like *Oncidium*.

Miltonia orchids have two leaves on each side of the pseudobulb. The *Miltoniopsis* has only one.

Miltonia orchids have round pseudobulbs that are quite far apart. Meanwhile, *Miltoniopsis* have flatter pseudobulbs that tend to cluster tightly together.

Both are elegant and very attractive flowers, but the *Miltoniopsis* flowers are big and showy, making them quite an eye-catcher. *Miltonia* flowers are more open and slender but are still very attractive.

Miltonias tend to be easier to grow and flower as the *Miltoniopsis* come from the cloud forests and cannot tolerate very hot conditions.



Typical *Miltonia* flower shape



Typical *Miltoniopsis* 'pansy' flower shape

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Benching Results - April 2023

BENCHING RESULTS		Month	Year
Class	Orchid Name	Name of Grower	
JUNIOR Orchid			
NOVICE			
Oncidiinae Alliance	Brassia Evan-Loo x Vera Cruz	W. Lee	
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Laelia</i> Interceps	F. Sheil	
Species	<i>Coelogyne rochussenii</i>	W. Lee	
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown	B. Jarman	
Novice Orchid of the Night	<i>Coelogyne rochussenii</i>	W. Lee	
INTERMEDIATE			
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. spicerianum</i>	S. Ellis	
Species orchid	<i>Prosthechea cochleate</i>	R. Hahn	
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Beallara</i> Party dress	J. Harriman	
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Catt.</i> Portia Cannizaro	N. Weatherby	
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Zygo.</i> Blue Banks 'Duni'	R. Hahn	
Intermediate Orchid of the Night	<i>Catt.</i> Portia Cannizaro	N. Weatherby	
OPEN			
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph.</i> Prime Child	W. Simmons	
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Oda.</i> Red Carnette 'Katie's'	B. Phelan	
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> New Burana	R. Findlater	
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Rlc.</i> Dal's Horizon x <i>C.</i> Dal's Choice	R. Findlater	
Vandaceous Hybrid	<i>Phal.</i> Red Sesame	R. Findlater	
Species	<i>Prosthechea cochleate</i>	D. Hogan	
Aust. Native Hybrid	<i>Den.</i> Hilda Poxon	W. Simmons	
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Paphinia</i> Majestic	B. Phelan	
Open Orchid of the Night	<i>Rlc.</i> Dal's Horizon x <i>C.</i> Dal's Choice	R. Findlater	
Species of the Night	<i>Coelogyne rochussenii</i>	W. Lee	
Hybrid of the Night	<i>Paph.</i> Prime Child	W. Simmons	
Guest Speaker's Choice	<i>Paph.</i> Unknown	B. Jarman	
Growing Competition Zygonaria hybrid	1st J. Cameron, 2nd. B. Jarman, 1pt. J. Clarke, S.Ellis, R. Findlater, L. Gannon, R. Gunter, R. Hahn, B. Phelan, L. Phelan, F. Sikora, D. Slye, V. Starling, N. Weatherby, Y. Young		
Seedlings benched	<i>Nil</i>	77 plants benched	

JUDGING RESULTS FOR MAY 2023

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL



Guest Speaker's Choice
Barry Jarman's *Paphiopedilum* Unknown



Novice popular Choice of the Night.
Also best species.
Coelogyne rochussenii

Novice Popular Vote and Best Species of the Night
Wayne Lee's *Coelogyne rochussenii*



Lc Portia Cannizaro
Intermediate Choice plant of the Night.
Noelene W.

Intermediate Popular Vote
Noelene Weatherby's *Lc. Portia Cannizaro*

This lovely primary hybrid is a cross between *Cattleya bowringiana* and *Cattleya labiata*. It was originally hybridised by Veitch in 1897. It is called a 'primary hybrid' because it is a cross between two species.

Best Hybrid of the Night

Wayne Simmons' *Paph. Prime Child*



Paph. Prime Child
Wayne S. Hybrid of Night



*Open popular Choice plant of the Night.
R/c Dals Horizon x Catt. Dals Choice
Ron F.*

**Open Popular Vote
Ron Findlater's R/c. Dal's Horizon x Catt. Dal's Choice**



*Ron B.
Speaker of the night.*

Our Guest Speaker, Ron Boyd, ready to share his secrets on growing Paphiopedilums.

President Louise presents the Society's charity auction proceeds to the Salt ministries representative, Belinda Dover, to assist with support for the homeless and others in need in our community.



**Novice's Corner
Ron Findlater and John Clark shared some tips on staking cymbidium spikes.**

SOME PICTURES FROM THE MUOS/SOS OPEN DAY AT THE PHELAN'S



Presidents Rod and Louise with guest speaker, Jeanne Dunn and hosts, Lynne and Brian.



Some of the members who attended and orchids Jeanne brought for sale. They were very popular!

Luckily, the rain held off and it was a good opportunity to spend time with fellow growers.



2023 Shoalhaven Orchid Society

What's On at a Glance

Society Meetings 2023

Saturday Day Meetings 10am – 1pm

17th June – Gary Hodder on Deciduous Dendrobiums

15th July – Jane Wright on Orchids and Other Adventures in Ecuador

19th August - Members Plant Auction

18th Sept – Deflasking Demonstration

16th October - David Brooks on Sarcocilus

20th November- Jan Robinson

18th December – Christmas Party

Society Shows 2023

SOS Inc. Winter Show Saturday 8th July

SOS Inc. Spring Show Saturday 2nd September

SOS Inc. October Show Saturday 21st October

Society Coming Events

Bus Trip – August- St Ives Orchid Fair
(Depending on numbers)

Train Trip - Committee is investigating a possible train trip to Sydney to the Botanic Gardens for a tour of the Glass House and orchid collection.

Native Orchid Walk- TBA

Potting Day– April date TBA

South-West Regional Show - Cobargo

30th September - 1st October

Other Society Shows

MUOS

Winter Show 1st - 2nd July

Spring Show 9th - 10th September

BBOFS

Winter Show 15th - 16th July

Spring Show 2nd - 3rd September

Native Show 21st – 22nd October

IDOS

Winter Show 1st - 2nd July

Spring Show 9th - 10th September

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.**

Growing Competition 2023

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.

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

July. *Laelia anceps* 'Wallbrunn' x *L. anceps* 'Rosminah'

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

September. *Laelia anceps* 'Wallbrunn' x *L. anceps* 'Rosminah'

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

November. *Laelia anceps* 'Wallbrunn' x *L. anceps* 'Rosminah' "**Last Benching**"

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

ORCHID EVENTS

Mingara Orchid Fair and Show 24 -25 June

St Ives Orchid Fair - 18th – 20th August

Paphiopedilum and Cymbidium Show, Yagoona - 11th – 13th August

Orchids Central, Bankstown - New venue - 13th - 15th October

Australian Native Orchid Show Revesby—TBA

ADVERTISING OUR SHOW

Posters advertising the Winter Show will be available at the June meeting. All members are encouraged to take some to distribute in local shops, community notice boards, florists, etc. Wherever you can find a willing host. We want lots of visitors so please help to spread the word.

SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW SUPPLEMENT

Please read carefully

WINTER SHOW Saturday 8 July 9am – 4pm
BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Show Schedule for our **Winter** show will be included with the **June** newsletter. Please read the schedule carefully and familiarise yourself with the rules. Also, refresh your memory by reading your *Checklist for Preparing and Benching Orchids*.

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 Pass to Shoalhaven Zoo;

3rd prize will be a \$50 Bunnings gift voucher

Members are requested to collect raffle tickets booklets at the **June** meeting. 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.**

Benching on Friday 7th July will take place between **3.00pm and 5.30pm at Bomaderry**. **Note that 5.30pm** 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 **Don Hogan** or another Open grower.

Benching cards 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.

Sales Table Members are reminded that the Society's commission on plant sales is 10%. (15% for sales over \$500.) Orchids, ferns and/or foliage plants **only** can be sold. Plants for sale should be healthy and free from pests and/or disease. 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. Tags are available from the President.

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.

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 **2022 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 enrich our show by donating prizes. They 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 **4.00pm**. *Please be on hand to pick up your plants promptly* when the Show closes 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.



Will your orchid be on the Champions' Table this year. Members are encouraged to enter as many plants as they are able. Let us make a truly amazing display for our visiting public.

Ribbons, trophies and championship winning orchid.