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*Cymbidium Shoalhaven*  
'Touch of Class'

## NEWSLETTER MAY 2022



*Miltonopsis Lillian Nakamoto 'Tanto' Tom G*

**GUEST SPEAKER** Jan Robinson will talk about **Some Easy-to-grow Orchids**. Jan's talk are always interesting and entertaining and this one should be of particular interest to newer growers to help them avoid the pitfalls of purchasing an orchid that may need really specialised culture. Perhaps Brian Phelan's talk on the challenges of growing odontoglossums at the coast might have given you a hint about one particular genus that is challenging.

## SOCIETY INFORMATION

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

**NEXT MEETING** Monday 16 May 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.

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Do you admire ancient Chinese philosophy?  
Here's what Confucius had to say about Cymbidiums: "The association of a superior person is like entering a hall of Cymbidiums. In the course of time one becomes accustomed to the superior ways of life, and gets used to the fragrance".

So growing Cymbidiums makes you a superior person (or perhaps you will just smell nice!)

(Thanks to the American Orchid Society for this philosophical snippet.)

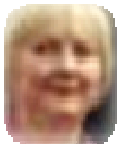


Captain Sandra and the hard-working team on the last shift at the Bunnings barbecue. Nearly time to clean up, Folks.

**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 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](mailto: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

At last some lovely sunny weather (I hope I haven't spoken too soon!) This will help bring our orchid spikes along.

Our Bunnings BBQ held on the 30th April was a great success. A big thankyou to our two organisers – Yvonne Young and Sandra Ellis. Yvonne does all the buying while Sandra – our 'Captain' - runs a very tight ship on the day.

Thank you to all our tireless workers who were rostered on from 8am – 3.30pm. We all worked very well together, like a well-oiled machine! A record-breaking result of a net profit of over \$1,600, with a third being received through our electronic transfer machine. The \$2.50 price for a sausage on a piece of bread really adds up!

Our Roving Day is just around the corner on the 21<sup>st</sup> May – a day you can't forget – Election Day. I am looking forward to the day and I hope the weather remains good so that we are able to visit all 3 of our member's shade houses.

Jan Robinson is our Guest Speaker for May, talking on 'some easy to grow orchids'. Jan's talks are always informative and enjoyable.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting,  
Warm regards,  
**Louise**

## Committee News

**Bus Trip** Unfortunately the planned bus trip by Milton/Ulladulla Orchid Society to Orchids Out West at Clarendon, near Windsor on Friday 27th May, may not be going ahead. More information will be known by our May General Meeting.

**Society T-Shirts** Members ordering new Society shirts can choose to have their names embroidered on them but will still require a name badge for the Lucky Badge draw.

**A new Benching Marshall Category** will be introduced at meetings. This will be a plant that our Benching Marshall feels stands out and has been grown well.

**New Members** A warm welcome to our 2022 new and returning members **Anne-Marie Collins**, **Fiona Hammond** and **Julie Smythe**. Please make them feel welcome and help them become part of our friendly orchid-growing community.

## 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*  
*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. **May: Louise will explain the different aspect of orchid name tags.**

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. Treasurer Tom has the new cards.**

**SEEDLINGS** We have a category for seedlings on our monthly benches and at our shows. An orchid exhibited as a seedling must comprise the **whole plant** grown from seed and being **exhibited and flowering for the first time**.

Unlike mericlones, which are created from pieces of tissue taken from the parent orchid to create new plants which are identical to the parent, seedlings are a genetic lottery and can be vastly different to their pollen and pod parents. When we grow a seedling on we HOPE they will be much better looking than their mum and dad but we won't know until it flowers and that is why it is so exciting to grow seedlings.

In April this seedlings was benched.

If you flower a seedling, please bring it in. It will be photographed and, at the end of the year members will judge the best seedling .



### GROWING COMPETITION 2017



This lovely vanda, V. Pachara Delight Blue, was a society growing plant first benched in June 2017. It is always nice to see our growing competition plants in flower and Louise has done well to get such a fine first flowering.

### SHOW TIME IS ON ITS WAY!

After two show-less years we may hopefully be able to share our orchids with the public in July. Orchids that will be on the benches will be making their inflorescences. A few tips to ensure they present well:

- Keep the plant in the same aspect to the main light source so that the flowers all 'look' the same way.
- Start staking early to ensure racemes are straight and clear of the foliage.
- Groom your plant and remove all dead leaves and bracts around the pseudobulbs.
- Ensure it is free of creepy crawlies.

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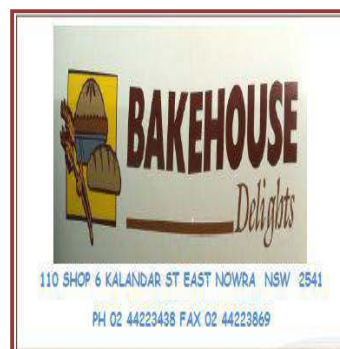
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## JUDGING RESULTS FOR APRIL 2022

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL



**Novice Orchid of the Night**  
***Catt. bowringiana* Tom Gablonski**



**Open Orchid of the Night**  
***Lc. Little Susie 'Joy'* L. Gannon**



**Intermediate Orchid of the Night and**  
**Orchid Hybrid of the Night**  
***Lc. Burana Beauty* F. Sikora**

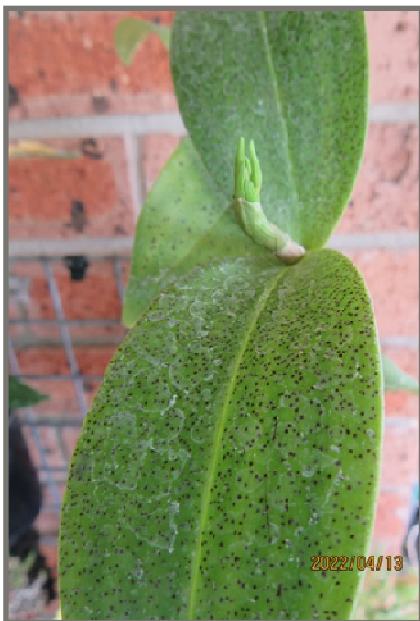


**Orchid Species of the Night**  
***Paph. spicerianum 'Tinonee'***  
***x Paph. spicerianum. W. Simmons***

Supper is a great time to  
catch up and talk orchids.



## It's not a virus, fungal or bacterial problem. Phew!!



Have you noticed any dendrobiums with these densely speckled leaves? I have several *Den. Hilda Poxon* orchids that have this problem. I searched the internet for leaf spotting using various search terms but could not find anything that looked like this until I came across an Australian Orchid Nursery site which showed the exact same spotting. Here is the explanation:

'This nasty looking spot occurs on a very limited number of [dendrobium] hybrids that have *D. tetragonum* var. *tetragonum* in their background.

It is a genetic fault and can't be cured. It doesn't seem to affect the orchid's health, just its appearance.

Older *Den. Hilda Poxon* [*Den. speciosum* x *Den. tetragonum*] and *Den. Ellen* [*Den. kingianum* x *Den. tetragonum*] seem the most prone with 50% *D. tetragonum* in their genetic makeup.

Sometimes the tiny spots are invisible in the background of the leaves but come out when the chlorophyll in the leaves is weakened by frost or

hot sun.'

The Hilda Poxon in the photo was in the shadehouse and had no sign of the spotting until I moved it onto the verandah where it gets the morning sun and very soon the spots appeared. I have no doubt mine are older Hilda Poxon hybrids as they are Neville Roper remakes. Neville began hybridising with Australian native species many years ago. **Lynne Phelan**

### ROVING GROWERS DAY - 21ST MAY

Finally, after 2 years of Covid restricting our movements, we are now free to be out and about.

A Roving Day is planned for 21<sup>st</sup> May which just happens to be **Election Day**. Thank you, Lynne and Brian Phelan, John Harriman and John Clancy for opening up your growing areas and allowing members to visit.

**9.00am - 10.15 Lynne and Brian Phelan**, 206a Woollamia Rd, Falls Creek. Look for the big brown letter-box with 'PHELAN' on it. There is parking for 3-4 cars near the house for less mobile members. Could all other members please park on the left of the long driveway between the gate and the Y intersection where the driveway divides. Just park on the verge of the road as the ground in most areas is still very boggy. To turn your vehicle around please drive up to the house car park to avoid driving on the grass.

**10.45am-11.30am - John Harriman**, 11 Christiansen Ave, Old Erowal Bay. Please **do not park on the nature strip**; park on the road only.

**12.00 to finish - John Clancy**, 8 Coaster Circuit, Vincentia. There is parking for about 10 cars opposite John's house and more further down the street. The picnic park is opposite John's house.

Our Committee will be setting-up tables, etc. in the park opposite John Clancy's house for a BBQ lunch. The BBQ will be provided for by our Society – food, plates and cutlery. Please bring a **chair** and a bottle or can of soft **drink**.

Please note that the Phelan's home is on acreage and if it has rained leading up to the Roving Day, their visit may be cancelled due to being too wet underfoot. If so, we will start at John Harriman's place at the set time of 10.45am.



This will be our first Roving Day for a number of years and it is a wonderful opportunity for members to see how other members grow their orchids.

Enjoy the day and don't forget to vote.

**IMPORTANT NOTE** Would anyone wishing to attend the Roving Day on Saturday May 21st who **will not** be at the May meeting please let us know by email for catering purposes for the BBQ lunch. (Society email as per cover page)



## Benching Results - April 2022

Category	Plant	Owner
<b>JUNIOR</b>		
<b>NOVICE</b>		
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Onc.</i> Unknown	B. Shelvey
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>C. bowringiana</i>	T. Gablonski
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Milt.</i> Lillian Nakamoto 'Tanto'	T. Gablonski
<b>Novice Orchid of the Night</b>	<b><i>C. bowringiana</i></b>	<b>T. Gablonski</b>
<b>INTERMEDIATE</b>		
Native species/hybrid	<i>Den.</i> Lace River 'Kay's Choice'	J. Harriman
Species orchid	<i>Prosthechea cochleata</i>	R. Hahn
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Onc.</i> Sweet Sugar	J. Clarke
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Lc.</i> Burana Beauty	F. Sikora
Cymbidium	<i>Cym.</i> Butterfly Kisses 'Viridian'	F. Sikora
Miscellaneous	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown	N. Weatherby
<b>Intermediate Orchid of the Night</b>	<b><i>Lc. Burana Beauty</i></b>	<b>F. Sikora</b>
<b>OPEN</b>		
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph.</i> Jogjae	W. Simmons
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Odm.</i> Augres x <i>Odm. pescatorei</i>	B. Phelan
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Lc.</i> Little Susie 'Joy'	L. Gannon
Vandaceous	<i>V.</i> Unknown	G. Jonas
Species	<i>C. bowringiana</i>	L. Gannon
Aust. Native species	<i>D.</i> (Star of Gold x <i>fleckeri</i> ) x <i>bigibbum</i>	R. Korber
Miscellaneous	<i>Zygo.</i> Artur Elle 'Essendon'	G. Jonas
<b>Open Orchid of the Night</b>	<b><i>Lc. Little Susie 'Joy'</i></b>	<b>L. Gannon</b>
Orchid Species of the Night	<b><i>Paph. spicerianum</i> 'Tinonee' x <i>P. spicerianum</i></b>	<b>W. Simmons</b>
Orchid Hybrid of the Night	<b><i>Lc. Burana Beauty</i></b>	<b>F. Sikora</b>
Growing Competition	1st J. Harriman, 2nd R. Hahn, 1 point each to: J. Cameron, J. Clarke, S. Ellis, L. Gannon, B. Phelan, L. Phelan, B. Shelvey, N. Weatherby, K. Wynn, S. Wynn, Y. Young.	

### Popular Vote Reminder

All plants benched must have a benching card with the name of the orchid on the front and the owner's name on the back. To avoid benching delays, **please fill in the cards before you come to the meeting.** The template or supplies of the benching card are available from Francoise.

**Note** – for the Growing Competition there is no need to write the name of the orchid; just **put your name on the back of the card.**



The very relaxed sales table team.



Photographer (Yvonne's) Choice  
Wayne's *Paph. Jogjae*

Many thanks to Yvonne Young  
for the photos in this  
newsletter .



Our new growing competition plants first benching. Well done those 13 members who remembered to bring it in.



*Cym. erythrostylum* L. Gannon



John Clancy has a good roll up in the Novice Corner to see a practical demonstration of dividing and repotting a cattleya.



Blc Village 'Chief North' x Green Genius  
Sharyon and Ken Wynn



# 2022 Shoalhaven Orchid Society

## Committee Meetings 2022

5 May, 1.00pm

## Society Meetings 2022

**16th May** Guest speaker **Jan Robinson**

Topic Some Easy-to-grow Orchids

**Saturday Day Meetings 10am – 1pm**

**18th June** **Richard Dimon** from Sutherland OS on Native Orchid Conservation.

**16th July** Guest Speaker **Gary Hodder** on Deciduous Dendrobiums

**20th August** **Mini Charity Auction**

**19th September** Guest speaker **Mitch Kernaghan** on Australian Native Orchids

**17th October** **Gavin Curtis** on Callista Dendrobiums

**21st November** Guest speaker **David Brooks** on Cymbidiums

**19th December** TBA

## Society Shows 2022

SOS Inc. Winter Show Saturday 9th July

SOS Inc. Spring Show Saturday 3rd September

SOS Inc. October Show Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

## Society Coming Events

**Bus Trip** See note on Page 2.

**Roving Day** –Saturday 21 May. Visit to see the orchid collections of Brian and Lynne Phelan, John Harriman and John Clancy. Further details in the newsletter.

**Native Orchid Walk** - Sept. 24th

**Potting Day** – October 15th

## Other Orchid Events

Orchids Out West 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May

Mingara Orchid Fair and Show 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> June

St Ives Orchid Fair 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> August

Paphiopedilum and Cymbidium Show 12<sup>th</sup>– 14<sup>th</sup> August (now at Yagoona)

Australian Native Orchid Show Revesby 11<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Southern Orchid Spectacular 7-9 October , Sutherland Sharks Basketball Stadium

### **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 2022

Please try to find and bring your growing competition plant each month. If you group them with a distinctive coloured label they are easy to find.

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

**June.** *Den.* Australian Colourfest 'Nutbag' x Stoney Point 'Yum Yum'

**July.** *Rlc.* Dal's Ambition 'Tara' x C. Aloha Case 'Ching Hua'

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

**September** *Den.* Australian Colourfest 'Nutbag' x Stoney Point 'Yum Yum'

**October.** *Rlc.* Dal's Ambition 'Tara' x C. Aloha Case 'Ching Hua'

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

**December.** *Den.* Australian Colourfest 'Nutbag' x Stoney Point 'Yum Yum'



Members looking very smart in their Society shirts.



Our saucy birthday girl, Di Slye, on the 1st shift at the Bunnings barbeque with cooks, Louise and Brian.