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Phalaenopsis unknown.

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2023

GUEST SPEAKER

David Brooks on Sarcophilus

David has been growing orchids for over 50 years. He is an accredited AOC judge. His main interests lie in the breeding of Cymbidiums, Odontoglossums and Sarcophilus.

This is peak sarc. time so be sure to take advantage of David's expertise and have your questions ready for him. If you have a problem plant please feel free to bring it along but if you suspect that it may have virus enclose it in a transparent plastic bag.

SOCIETY INFORMATION

VENUE: BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE
19 BIRRILEY STREET, BOMADERRY.

NEXT MEETING Monday 16 October, 2023

Meeting room is open at 6.30pm for setting up *
Benching to be finished by 7.00pm
Novice Corner 7.00—7.15pm
Popular Vote 7.15—7.30pm
Meeting commences 7.30pm
* Many hands make for a quick set up/pack up.

OCTOBER ORCHID SHOW

Please read the show information included with this newsletter carefully and collect your show benching cards at this meeting. These are made from heavier card. Remember, once you have benched your plant you may not move it again. Only the benching marshal may do so.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Hello Members
Show season is still with us. As I write this we are relaxing after our sojourn to Cobargo for the Regional Show. It was a wonderful weekend. The orchid fraternity is made up of some of the friendliest people on the planet. Although it only happens every two years it is like meeting up with best friends. Our third and final show is coming up so be sure to read the show info included with this newsletter.



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

Since our September meeting it has been a busy time for some of our committee and members.

Our Bunnings BBQ held on the 23rd September was very successful. Thank you, Yvonne and Sandra, for organising the day. Also, to the members who volunteered to help on the day, which included several new faces. A big thank you to you all.

On the October long weekend, eight committee and members attended the Regional South and West Orchid Show in Cobargo. We took down members' and our own orchids for our display and benching. There were 4 Society displays who were vying for 1st place. I am happy to say that we were the winners and received the highly esteemed, Norma Stafford Trophy. I would like to thank members, Lynne, Brian, Françoise, Ron, Bruce, Sandra, John Cameron and Di who made the journey and were a constant help and gave great encouragement in preparing our display.

A special thanks to Lynne Phelan for her great effort and forethought in creating props for our display. The 2-seater old school desk loaned by Ron Findlater, just looked perfect. Di Slye loaned her daughter's small old globite school case, still in remarkably good condition, after 40 years!! We certainly did the poem proud, The Old Bush School. Martin and Sue Montebello's white phalaenopsis took pride of place in our display and won Reserve Champion of the Show. More of our members plants were benched with a number receiving prizes. It was a great weekend enjoyed by all who attended.

Last meeting, we welcomed six more new members. I hope you all enjoy learning more about orchids and also like being a part of our friendly society.

David Brooks is our Guest Speaker for our October Meeting talking on our little Australian native orchid, *sarcophilus*. David's talks are always interesting and well received by members.

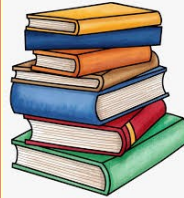
Don Hogan is unfortunately not well again. We send him our best wishes and hope it is not too long before we see him back with us.

I heard that Ken Wynn has had a fall. I hope you are feeling better now.

See you at the next meeting,
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. **October: *Our guest speaker, David Brooks, will talk on softcane dendrobiums.***

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!*'



Our very best wishes to any members who are on the sick list at the moment. We look forward to your return to good health and coming back to us soon.

Committee News

The Society warmly welcomes two new members: **Glen Sansom** from Vincentia and **Adriana van Bockel** from Keiraville. Please make them welcome.

Sales Table We will now be selling 2kg bags of bark/perlite mixes on the Sales Table for \$10.00 at the October meeting. These may suit members who are just starting out and have a small collection.

Orchid Workshop The society has accepted an invitation to host an orchid workshop weekend in the Shoalhaven in March 2024. This is in association with the South and West Regional orchid societies. More details will be provided as the committee undertakes the planning.

October Orchid Show Anyone who has a show corflute, please remember to place it out on Sunday 15th Oct. or Monday 16th Oct. for our show being held Saturday October 21st.

Regional Orchid Show at Cobargo



We did it! Shoalhaven won the best display at the regional orchid show held at Cobargo on the October long weekend. Many thanks to the following members who loaned their plants: Yvonne Young, Sharyon Wynn, Lawrence Watkins, Di Slye, Francoise Sikora, Ron Findlater, Brian and Lynne Phelan, Martin and Sue Montebello, Bruce Mitchell, Louise Gannon and John Clarke. We had about 80 orchids and ferns, most of which were used in our 2 metre x 2 metre display space though some were benched. It was good to have such a large and diverse collection from which to choose so a huge thank you to members for your generous support.

Martin and Sue won Reserve Champion with their beautiful white phalaenopsis, *Phal.* Big Foot, and many other of our orchids won prizes as well.

Our president, Louise Gannon, was the chief artistic director and deserves high praise for the way she arranged our beautiful orchids into the winning display. Assisting Louise in the display team were: John Cameron, Sandra Ellis, Ron Findlater, Bruce Mitchell, Brian and Lynne Phelan and Francoise Sikora. The old bush school of orchids was set in a classroom thanks to some excellent props including an old school desk and Di's little old 'port' (school bag) among other bits and pieces. We even had the teacher's cane for any orchid that misbehaved.

Our friendly competitors were Sapphire Coast Orchid Club, Eurobodalla Orchid Club and Canberra Orchid Society. All of the displays were amazing and the final result was a very close call. Sadly, Wagga Wagga and Albury Wodonga clubs were unable to participate this year. Canberra is hosting the next regional show in 2025. Perhaps you might become part of the team that helps us to retain the Norma Stafford Trophy for the best display.



Right: The SOS display and team. Sandra holds the Norma Stafford trophy.

Above: Sue and Martin's Reserve Champion, *Phal.* Big Foot.



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Di checks out the Canberra display.



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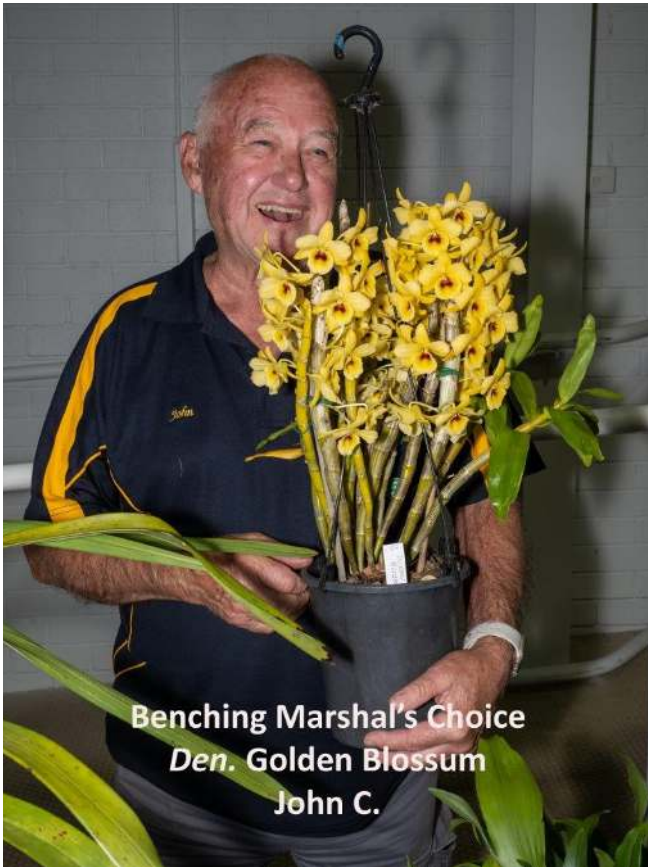
- 1. Sanitise your hands with the hand sanitiser provided when you arrive.**
- 2. Wearing a mask is optional.**
- 3. If you are unwell, please do not attend.**

Benching Results - April 2023

BENCHING RESULTS		Month	Year
Class	Orchid Name		Name of Grower
JUNIOR Orchid	No entries		
NOVICE			
Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade'</i>		D. Slye
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Howeara Lava Burst ' Puanani'</i>		R. Bristow
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Cat. Yellow Bird</i>		F. Sheil
Aust. Native	<i>Den. Unknown</i>		R. Wraight
Species	<i>Coelogyne Unknown</i>		D. Slye
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Lc. Gold Digger 'Orchidglades Mandolin'</i>		R. Ballard
Novice Orchid of the Night	<i>Den. Unknown</i>		R. Wraight
INTERMEDIATE			
Dendrobium	<i>Den. White Rabbit 'Sakura'</i>		S. Ellis
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Wils. Pacific Panache 'Fire Side Fever'</i>		J. Harriman
Aust. Native	<i>Den. kingianum</i>		R. Hahn
Species orchid	<i>Coelogyne tenellum</i>		S. Ellis
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Laelia flava</i>		J. Harriman
Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Luna Blaze 'Dural' x C. Dream Picture</i>		R. Hahn
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Bulbophyllum Ambrosia</i>		J. Harriman
Intermediate Orchid of the Night	<i>Cym. Luna Blaze 'Dural' x C. Dream Picture</i>		R. Hahn
OPEN			
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. Fuch's Delight</i>		W. Simmons
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Onc. Joe Porter x Onc. Main Ridge</i>		B. Phelan
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Golden Blossom</i>		J. Clarke
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Rth. Fuch's Orange Nugget x Rth. Young Min Orange</i>		L. Gannon
Vandaceous Hybrid	<i>V. Pachara Delight 'Blue'</i>		D. Hogan
Species	<i>Coelogyne glumaceum</i>		D. Hogan
Aust. Native Hybrid	<i>Den. Jayden x D. Rhubarb Pie</i>		R. Findlater
Aust. Native Species	<i>Phal. rosenstromii</i>		B. Phelan
Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Foxfire Amber 'Dural'</i>		D. Hogan
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Masd. Curacao "Goldie"</i>		R. Korber
Open Orchid of the Night	<i>Phal. Big Foot</i>		M & S. Montebello
Species of the Night	<i>Dendrochilum glumaceum</i>		D. Hogan
Hybrid of the Night	<i>Phal. Big Foot</i>		M & S. Montebello
Assistant Benching Marshal's Choice	<i>Den. Golden Blossom</i>		J. Clarke
Growing Competition Cattleya hybrid	B. Jarman 5pts, R. Findlater 3pts, 1pt. - P. Bell, J. Clarke, S. Ellis, R. Hahn, R. Korber, M. Montebello, S. Montebello, B. Phelan, L. Phelan, Y. Young.		
Seedlings benched	2		

JUDGING RESULTS FOR September 2023

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

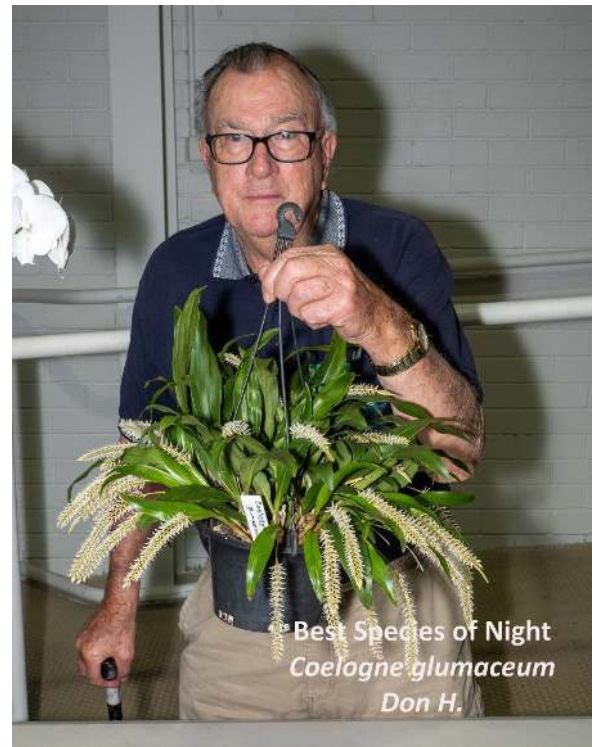


Benching Marshal's Choice
Den. Golden Blossum
John C.

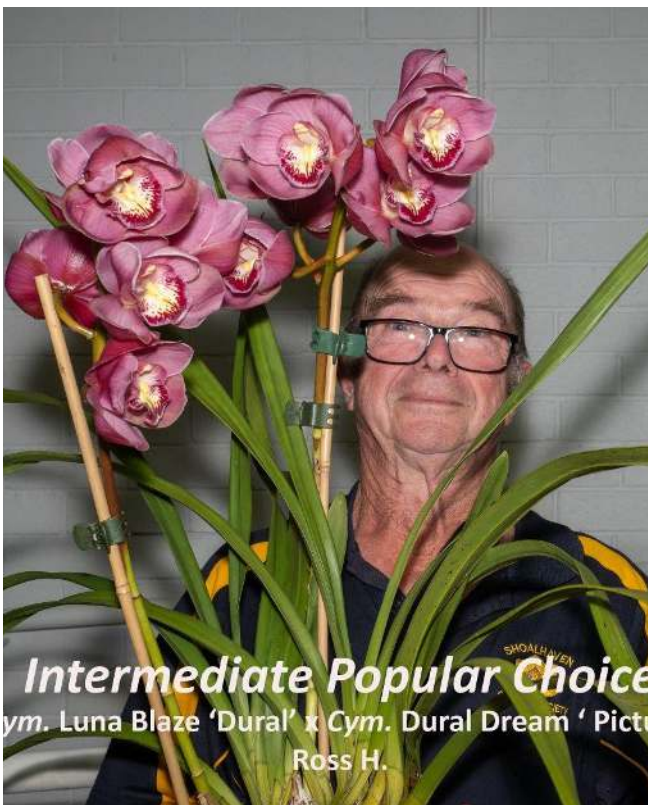


Best Hybrid of Night.
Open Popular Choice of Night.
Phal. Bigfoot
Sue M.

AND Reserve Champion at the Regional Show at Cobargo.
Congratulations Sue and Martin Montebello!



Best Species of Night
Coelogyne glumaceum
Don H.



Intermediate Popular Choice
Cym. Luna Blaze 'Dural' x Cym. Dural Dream 'Picture'
Ross H.



Novice Popular Vote
Ross W.
Den. unknown.

SPRING SHOW CHAMPIONS PRESENTATIONS



Louise, Sue and Martin M

Champion Vandaceous



Louise and John H.

Champion Intermediate Orchid



Louise and Brian.

Champion Oncidiinae



Louise and Ron

Champion Orchid of the Show



Louise and Ross

Champion Novice and Champion Any other Orchid



Louise and Wayne

Reserve Champion Orchid

SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW SUPPLEMENT

Please read carefully

SPRING SHOW Saturday 21st October 9am – 4pm

BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Show Schedule for our **October** show will be included with the **October** 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*. (Copies available from our Secretary)

Raffle The show raffle is a major fund raiser for our society. Booklets of tickets will be available at the **October** 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 \$50 Bunnings voucher.

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. These sheets are used for recording results so please enter plant names accurately and legibly.**

Benching on Friday 20th October 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 **Brian Phelan** or another Open grower.

Benching 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 October meeting. These are made from card, not the usual paper ones we use at meetings.

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 **October** meeting to enlist helpers.

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. There is no charge for these.

Advertising posters will be distributed at the **October** 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 a copy which they are welcome to download.

Trophies A reminder for winners of the Champion trophies at the **2022 October** Show to **please return them to the October 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 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* 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.

2023 Shoalhaven Orchid Society

What's On at a Glance

Society Meetings 2023

16th October - David Brooks on Sarcophilus
20th November— Using the Defibrillator—South
Coast First Aid.
18th December – Christmas Party

Society Shows 2023

SOS Inc. October Show Saturday 21st October

Society Coming Events

18 December—Christmas Party.

Other Society Shows

BBOFS

Native Show 21st – 22nd October

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



On the Benches in September

Phalaenopsis rosenstromii

Some members may have thought Brian benched his orchid in the wrong class when they saw *phalaenopsis amabilis* var.

rosenstromii in the Australian Native Species class.

It is, in fact, a native from Cape York Peninsula and is listed as **Endangered**. The native moth orchid is mostly epiphytic. It occurs in rainforests in humid, airy situations on sheltered slopes and in gullies, in deep gorges and close to waterfalls and streams, growing on trees, rarely rocks. The attractive flowers are long-lived and the panicles can stay green and produce secondary inflorescences for 2-3 years.

Brian grows it in the glasshouse where the humidity is high and it is quite low light.

This plant was a gift to Brian from ex-member, Jean Virgo, when she was no longer able to care for it. As it is endangered and rarely seen, it is really important to preserve those that are in collections and try to increase the stock from propagations but that is not easy with vandaceous orchids.

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.

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

November. Zga. Pine Road x Zygo. Kosciuszko x Zga. Clare Fisher 'Amanda'

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Shoalhaven Orchid Society
congratulates:

Milton - Ulladulla Orchid
Society celebrating 50 years, and

Canberra Orchid Society
celebrating 40 years

We wish you continued success
and longevity.

Where to get your Aussie natives

John Clancy suggests the following:

The Hanging Garden

<https://www.thehanginggarden.biz/shop>

Click on their eBay store.

Kings Nursery

<https://www.kingsorchidnursery.com>

Orchid on Newbold

<https://www.orchidsonnewbold.com.au>

Kingfisher Orchid Nursery

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