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NEWSLETTER MARCH 2023



Comporettia speciosa
Brian P.

CHARITY AUCTION - We do not have a guest speaker this month as it is our auction of orchids and orchid-related paraphernalia to raise money for a local charity that helps support less fortunate members of our community. This year our recipient will be SALT Ministries who look after homeless people. Members are invited to donate any spare orchids or any orchid growing materials. There will be no plant sales on the sales table but the usual orchid accessories will be available.

SOCIETY INFORMATION

VENUE: BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE
19 BIRRILEY STREET, BOMADERRY.

NEXT MEETING Monday, 20 March

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.

FROM THE ACTING EDITOR'S DESK

Hello Members

Congratulations and thanks to those hard working members who were successfully elected to serve on our committee in 2023. Your work is very much appreciated. Of course, there are many other members who actively contribute to the running of the society at meetings and shows and your efforts are also very much appreciated. It is great that so many members are willing take on jobs and roles to ensure that our society thrives. **Lynne**



IMPORTANT NOTICE As recommended by our Auditor, there is a new form to be completed by members selling plants on the Sales Tables at monthly meetings. You will fill in your name and the number of plants you are selling and the Sales Team will complete the rest. You will also need to sign for any monies received. This is to keep a record of all cash sales.

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

The AGM is behind us now and we settle down for another year. It's nice to see familiar faces returning each year to Committee. Having said that we still have two vacancies if any members would like to join us. Thank you to Teresa Bourke for nominating to be our Treasurer. We all look forward to working with you.

Thank you to Tom Gablonski for being our previous Treasurer. Tom stepped down due to illness and I know we all send our best wishes to him. We look forward to when he can return to meetings. Thank you also to members who take on the non-committee roles of editor, librarian, photographer and more. All your efforts lead to a smooth-running society.

Our March Meeting will be our Charity Auction with Salt Ministries being our chosen charity for this year's auction. This is our second year of helping a charity who help homeless men and women. Whatever stage in life, not having a roof over your head would be devastating. Salt Ministries give back to the Community in many ways. It is worthwhile to Google them.

Well done Lynne for flowering your Growing Comp. seedling *R/c. Dal's Ambition* 'Tara x C. Aloha Case 'Ching Hua'. It has now been retired. A new Growing Comp. seedling – a Zygo cross has been ordered and hopefully will be available at the next meeting. Thank you Brian Phelan for organising the Growing Comp. each meeting. John Clarke has recently taken over from Brian.

Details are being finalised for the get-together of our Society and Milton Ulladulla O/s at the Phelan's home at Falls Creek on Sunday 7th May. Jeanne Dunn, an Aust. Native orchid grower from Victoria, will be our Guest Speaker after we have carefully looked through Lynne and Brian's orchid growing areas. We plan to have lunch at the Huskisson RSL - a great day out for members of both orchid societies.

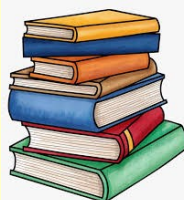
Nice to hear that Don Hogan is home from hospital and on the improve.

March is a great time of year with you starting to notice orchid spikes appearing. Hopefully it will be a good season.

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. **February: *John will be repotting a Stanhopea—the 'Upside-down orchid'.***

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.

MISSING A call out to everyone who attended the February meeting and especially those who were at Novices' Corner. John Clancy had two (2) seedling Dockrillias that he took along and these are missing. Please contact John (his email and phone on front page) if you may have inadvertently picked them up.

SPOTTED ON THE BENCHES IN FEBRUARY

Two of Lawrence Watkins orchids caught my eye last month.

Bulbophyllum odoratissimum This unusual orchid is distributed from India down through Southeast Asia. The capitate* inflorescence carries many flowers. It grows in a subtropical biome and tolerates quite a wide temperature range so can be grown cool to warm. In nature, it grows on trees (epiphytic) but mostly on mossy rocks (lithophytic), the pseudobulbs spreading out and covering a wide area. Unlike many bulbophyllums, this one has a very pleasant fragrance. * Capitate - A closely packed head of flowers that do not have flower stalks.

Vanda tricolor This lovely orchid is endemic to Java. It grows both epiphytically and lithophytically (on trees or rocks) or sometimes even terrestrially (in the ground). Vandas are either strap leafed (flat) or terete (round or pencil shaped). *V. tricolor* is the strap leafed type which are less tolerant to full sunlight. They are intermediate to warm growers and like plenty of air movement and high humidity in summer and autumn with plenty of water during the growing season. Reduce watering in winter months.

NOTE Vandas are monopodial orchids, i.e. they grow continuously from the apex of the stem; they don't make new pseudobulbs which can be divided off. It is often very difficult to propagate them as many are reluctant to produce side shoots which can be removed to make a new plant. In an early work by J. N. Rentoul, *Growing Orchids Book 3 Vandas, dendrobiums and others*, (pages 18 and 19 in my edition) he describes and illustrates a method of putting a cut in the stem to encourage a plantlet to grow in the vicinity of the cut. Once this keiki develops roots it can be removed and you have a division of the 'mother' plant. The positioning of this cut is critical as there must be roots growing both above and below the cut. **Lynne**

Welcome

The society warmly welcomes new member, Ross Wraight from Werri Beach. We look forward to sharing our hobby with you, Ross.

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Benching Results - December 2022

BENCHING RESULTS		Month	Year
Class	Orchid Name		Name of Grower
JUNIOR Orchid			
NOVICE			
Species	<i>Dendrochilum cobbianum</i>	W. Lee	
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown	L. Edmonds	
Novice Orchid of the Night	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown	L. Edmonds	
INTERMEDIATE			
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Cattleya</i> Wendy's Valentine 'June'	N. Weatherby	
Intermediate Orchid of the Night	<i>Cattleya</i> Wendy's Valentine 'June'	N. Weatherby	
OPEN			
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. Haynaldianu</i> x <i>P.</i> Duke of Earl	W. Simmons	
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Beallara</i> Marfitch 'Howard's Dream	L. Watkins	
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> New Burana	R. Findlater	
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Blc.</i> Waianae Leopard 'Ching Hua' <i>Catt.</i> Lucky Strike <i>Rlc.</i> Rungnapha Fancy	L. Gannon L. Watkins R. Findlater	
Vandaceous Hybrid	<i>Phal.</i> I Hsin 'White Beauty'	M&S Montebello	
Species	<i>Bulbo. odoratissimum</i>	L. Watkins	
Cymbidium	<i>Cym.</i> Golden Elf	L. Phelan	
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Masd.</i> Inca Orince	B. Phelan	
Open Orchid of the Night	<i>Lc. Hausermanns' Jade</i>	F. Sikora	
Species of the Night	<i>Bulbo. odoratissimum</i>	L. Watkins	
Hybrid of the Night	<i>Phal.</i> I Hsin 'White Beauty'	M&S Montebello	
Benching Marshal's Choice	<i>Vanda tricolor</i>	L. Watkins	
Growing Competition	1st F. J. Clarke; 2nd L. Gannon. 1 point each to: M. de Launey, R. Findlater, B. Phelan, L. Phelan, N. Weatherby, Y. Young.		
Seedlings benched	<i>Paph. callosum</i> var. <i>potentianum</i>		



GROWING COMPETITIONS run over two years or until a member flowers one; then the competition closes. After that you bench them in their normal class when they flower. Lynne Phelan's *Rlc.* Dal's Ambition 'Tara x C. Aloha Case 'Ching Hua' (pictured) was in bud at the February meeting and has since flowered so that competition is closed. This doesn't necessarily mean Lynne won the competition as the winner is the member who earns the most points over the two years of benching. We must wait until the end of the year to find out who that was. **Please note that the growing competition benching calendar has changed because this orchid flowered.**

JUDGING RESULTS FOR FEBRUARY 2022

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL



Novice Popular Vote.
Phal. Unknown.
Lorraine E.



Noelene W.
Catt. Wendy's Valentine
'June' AM/AOS



Best Hybrid of the Night.
Phal. I Hsin 'White Beauty'
Sue and Martin M.



Best Species of the night.
Bulbophyllum odoratissimum
Lawrence W.



Open Popular Vote of the Night.
LC Hausermans Jade. Françoise S.



Benching Marshal's Choice.
Vanda Tricolour. Lawrence W.

ALSO AT OUR FEBRUARY MEETING



Seedling Trophy presentation for 2022
Winner Louise G being presented by Vice
President Sandra E.



Rynchosstele bictonense
Brian P



February 2023.

GROWING COMPETITION



Paph. dianthum ('BL x 'Tambourine')
Sue and Martin M.



Cattleya Lucky Strike.
Lawrence W.



Catt. Penny Kuroda 'Spots' x *Catt* Kew 'xp'
Louise G.

2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes
Held at Bomaderry Community Centre on Monday 20th February 2023

President Louise Gannon opened the meeting at 7.38 pm and welcomed members and guests.

Louise reminded everyone to sign the Attendance Book, Social Distance, use hand sanitiser when required and lastly you must be financial to nominate or vote.

Apologies were received from Ken and Sharyon Wynn, Val Starling, T. Gablonski, D. Hogan, D. Slye and Lyn McDonald.

Minutes of 2022 AGM as displayed on the notice board and previously distributed to members were accepted as accurate.

Moved: Ron Findlater and **Seconded:** by John Clarke.

President's Report for 2022 was presented by Louise Gannon and is attached.

Moved: Louise Gannon and **Seconded:** by Wayne Simmons that the report be accepted.

Treasurer's Report, Annual Financial Statement and Auditors Report was read by Acting Treasurer Françoise Sikora and displayed on the noticeboard.

Moved: Françoise Sikora and **Seconded:** Wayne Simmons that the report and Annual Financial Statement be accepted as presented.

Returning Officer was appointed – Wayne Simmons.

Wayne commented that he couldn't remember a time when Colin Marstin was not the returning officer and thanked Louise for asking him. Wayne then went on to thank all the outgoing Committee for all their work in our first year out of covid.

Wayne then called for nominations after all positions had been declared vacant. The following nominations were received, and results shown.

Name	Position Nominated	Result
Louise Gannon	President	Elected unopposed
Teresa Bourke	Treasurer	Elected unopposed
Sandra Ellis	Vice President	Elected unopposed
Françoise Sikora	Secretary	Elected unopposed
Don Hogan	Committee/Show Marshal	Elected unopposed
Val Starling	Committee	Elected unopposed
John Harriman	Committee	Elected unopposed
Ron Findlater	Committee	Elected unopposed
John Clancy	Committee	Elected unopposed
John Clarke	Committee	Elected unopposed
Vacant	Committee	
Vacant	Committee	
Vacant (Lynne in caretaker mode)	Newsletter Editor	
Diane Slye	Public Officer	Appointed
Sandra Ellis	WHS Officer	Appointed
Brian Shelvey	First Aid Officer	Appointed
Robin Gunter	Librarian	Appointed
Noelene Weatherby	Auditor	Appointed
Vacant	Show Secretary	

2022 Treasurer Tom Gablonski name to be removed as Bank signatory.

President; Louise Gannon, Treasurer; Teresa Bourke and Secretary; Françoise Sikora will act as signatories on the bank account for 2023. Any two of these three can sign.

Bank Account details are CBA – 062 585, account number 1026 3191

Account Name: Shoalhaven Orchid Society Incorporated

Moved: Wayne Simmons and **Seconded:** Ron Findlater that the President, Treasurer and Secretary act as signatories.

A12 Form (Annual Summary of Financial Affairs) to be submitted to the Department of Fair Trading, and that the Public Officer Diane Slye will sign and submit.

The Returning Officer Wayne Simmons congratulated the incoming Committee, thanked everyone for their participation and declared the 2023 AGM closed at 7.55pm.

Louise Gannon (President 2023)

2023 Shoalhaven Orchid Society

What's On at a Glance

Society Meetings 2023

20th March-Mini Charity Auction

17th April- TBA

15th May - Ron Boyd - Paphiopedilums

Saturday Day Meetings 10am – 1pm

17th June – Gary Hodder

15th July – TBA

19th August- Members Plant Auction

18th Sept – Deflasking Demonstration

16th October - TBA

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

**Combined SOS and MUOS Event. Sunday 7 May
10-12noon. Visit to the Phelan's orchid houses and
presentation by Guest Speaker, Jeanne Dunne.
More information in the next newsletter.**

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

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.

February. *Rlc.* Dal's Ambition 'Tara x C. Aloha Case 'Ching Hua' **Flowered and finished ****

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

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

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

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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'

**** Note the change to the benching schedule as this one is no longer in the competition.**

ORCHID EVENTS

Collectors Plant Fair - 15th - 16th April

Orchids Out West - 26th - 28th May (New venue)

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

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.**