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NEWSLETTER **OCTOBER** 2024

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Lynne Phelan 2012, Allan Taylor 2014, Brian Phelan 2022.

Next Meeting: Monday 21st October

Bomaderry Community Centre. 19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry.

Room opens at 6.00pm for set up, benching to be **finished** by 7.00pm; Novice Corner 7.00-7.15pm;
Popular Vote 7.15-7.30pm. Meeting commences at 7.30pm. * Many hands make light work.

Guest Speaker: Gordon Marion talking about "Cattleya's"

Novice Corner: Martin Montebello talking on "Care of your orchids in warmer weather"

Committee member, John Clancy, has been our novice corner co-ordinator for a number of years, he has temporarily stepped aside for family reason(s). In the mean time, our committee members are filling this role. Please speak to a committee member if there is a particular topic you would like to covered in novice Corner.

From The Committee

Bunnings BBQ Sunday 13th. We could benefit from another volunteer in the morning.

Please consider helping. October Show Saturday 19th. We need a few more volunteers for selling

Raffle tickets, security and crèche. Again please consider helping out.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

October is a busy month for our Society with our 2nd Bunnings BBQ for the year on Sunday 13th and our October Show on Saturday 19th. We are still in need of 2 co-ordinators for the Bunnings BBQ's which we usually only hold twice a year. If you can help, please speak to Francoise or me.

Looking forward to seeing a lovely array of member's orchids at the October Show. Usually, we have a beautiful display of soft cane dendrobiums and the sarcochilus orchids which are so prominent at this time of year. I encourage all members to please bench your flowering orchids.

I am still re-potting with all my cymbidiums now done, and I must say they do look a lot better with the old bulbs and leaves taken away and with fresh compost and fertilizer. I have just started on my cattleyas. Sometimes it is hard to decide on which orchids to get rid of as there are always favourites or some with sentimental value like my Cym. Lustrous Betty, a pink, very open orchid from the 60's that belonged to my late father.

Lynne Phelan has written some interesting topics for the Article section on our website. They have been there a while and always have good advice. Particularly for our newer members the information on how to look after your orchids through the 4 seasons of the year is good reading. Also, 'Grounds for Divorce' - no Lynne is not getting a divorce, it is just a play on words as to how you part with your loved orchids when you have too many. It's logical when you read it, and now I will have to put it into practice.

I am very much looking forward to listening to our October Meeting's Guest Speaker, Gordon Marion who will be talking on Cattleyas. Gordon is a long-time member of the Eurobodalla O/S and grows beautiful cattleyas.

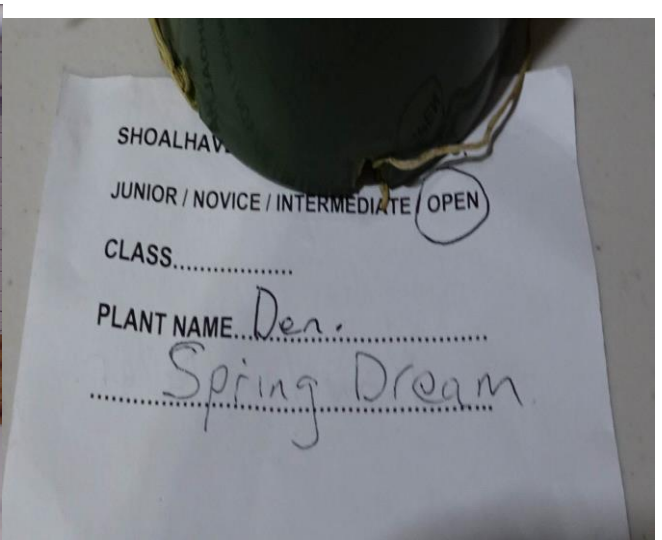
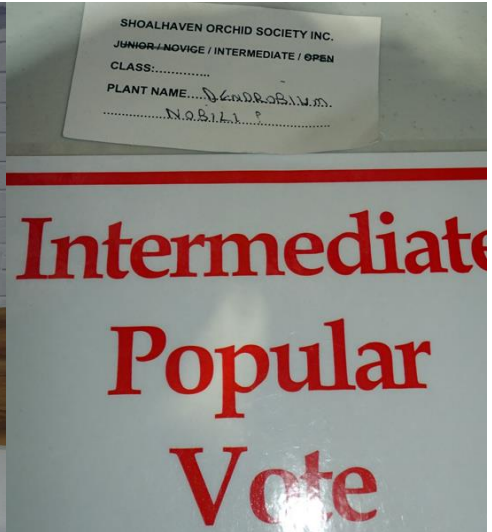
At our last meeting, a questionnaire was handed out to members to complete at home and return to our October meeting. Our committee look forward to reading your responses to the questions as it will help guide our society in the right direction for the future. There is no need to include your name if you don't wish to. Please don't forget to bring it back to the October meeting. Thank you.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the October Show on Saturday, 19th October with set up between 12 noon and 2pm, plant benching 2pm to 4pm on Friday.

Warm regards,

Louise

BENCHING RESULTS		Month	Year
2024			
Class	Orchid Name	Name of Grower	
NOVICE			
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Laelia anceps</i> hybrid	F. Flack	
Australian native hybrid/species	<i>Sarc.</i> Unknown	J. Cameron	
Species	<i>Coelogyne cristata</i>	F. Flack	
Novice Orchid of the Night	<i>Sarc.</i> Unknown	J. Cameron	
INTERMEDIATE			
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> Unknown	R. Wraight	
Australian native species/hybrid	<i>Den.</i> Unknown	S. Ellis	
Species orchid	<i>Den. nobile</i>	R. Wraight	
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Phal.</i> White Beauty	F. Flack	
Intermediate Orchid of the Night	<i>Den. nobile</i>	R. Wraight	
OPEN			
Paphiopedilum – species/hybrid	<i>Paph. micranthum x Sib.</i>	M. & S. Montebello	
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Onc.</i> Golden Alouette x Joe’s Drum	B. Phelan	
Dendrobium – species/hybrid	<i>Den.</i> Spring Dream	R. Findlater	
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Blc.</i> Bouton D’Or x <i>Lc.</i> Orange Trick	L. Gannon	
Vandaceous Hybrid	<i>Phal.</i> Orchid World	M. & S. Montebello	
Species	<i>Catt. sophronitis</i>	R. Korber	
Australian native hybrid	<i>Den.</i> Saigon Mesmerised	G. Jonas	
Australian native species	<i>Den. jonesii var. magnificum</i>	R. Korber	
Cymbidium	<i>Cym.</i> Amesbury x <i>Cym.</i> Marquarde	K. & S. Wynn	
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Masd.</i> Curacao ‘Goldie’	R. Korber	
Open Orchid of the Night	<i>Paph. micranthum x Sib.</i>	M. & S. Montebello	
Species of the Night	<i>Catt. sophronitis</i>	R. Korber	
Hybrid of the Night	<i>Masd. Falcata ‘El Globo’</i>	R. Korber	
Assistant/ Benching Marshal’s Choice	<i>Den.</i> Spring Dream	R. Findlater	
Growing Competition	5 points R. Findlater, 3 points M. Montebello, 1 point S. Montebello and L. Phelan		
Number of plants benched 61		Number of Growing comp. plants 4	Seedlings 3





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Library. Books! Books! Books! Our society has many great books for 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. Our insurance cover applies to your attendance at any society organised event. ***If you don't sign, you're not covered.*** Please sign beside your number given by the society.

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.**

2024 Shoalhaven Orchid Society

What's On at a Glance

Committee Meetings 2024

Tuesday 5th November

(may change due to it being Melbourne Cup day)

Tuesday 3rd December

Society Meetings 2024

21st October – Gordon Marion

Cattleyas

18th November Martin Montebello

16th DeCEMBER-Christmas party

Other Society Shows

BBOFS

Native Show 19th-20th October

Society Shows 2024

SOS Inc. October Show Saturday 19th October

Growing Competition 2024

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

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

April. Zga. Pine Road x Zygo Kosciuszko x Zga, Clare Fisher 'Amanda'

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

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

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

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

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

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

November. *Catt.* (Rlc.) Brunswick Gem 'Coral' x *Catt.* Dal's Choice 'Rudak' (**Last Benching**)

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

