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Phalaenopsis unknown.
Brian S.

NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2023

MEMBERS' ORCHID AUCTION

The auction is an opportunity for members to sell some of their spare orchids. It is an excellent opportunity for members to obtain some new plants that are proven to be happy growing in the Shoalhaven. How does it work?

- Each financial member may enter up to **6 orchids**.
 - The plants should contain two (2) labels; one with the name of the plant and the other with the owner's name.
 - You can put a reserve price on the plant by putting the word 'Reserve' and the reserve price on the label. If the bidding doesn't reach the reserve you take your plant home.
 - A coloured sticker will be placed on the plant to indicate it has a reserve price.
 - Have a list of your orchids to give the auctioneer and mark those with a reserve clearly with the reserve price.
 - You may wish to include brief information on the plant tag such as e.g. '***This orchid needs a dry rest in winter***', or similar cultural requirements to assist newer members to decide whether they will be able to grow it.
 - The Society will take a 10% commission on the sales. Payment by cash or card.
 - All plants offered for sale must be disease and pest free, in a good healthy condition and have been repotted for **at least 3 months**.
- There will be no orchid sales on the sales table on auction night.**

SOCIETY INFORMATION

VENUE: BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE
19 BIRRILEY STREET, BOMADERRY.

NEXT MEETING **SATURDAY** 19 August, 2023

Meeting room is open at 9.15am for setting up *
Benching to be **finished** by 10.00am
Novice Corner 10.00 — 10.15am
Popular Vote 10.15—10.30am
Meeting commences 10.30am
* Many hands make for a quick set up/pack up.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Hello Members
Our first show for 2023 was very successful. Can we make the Spring Show even better? I think we can. We need your plants - as many as you have - and please be generous with your time when the volunteers roster comes around. Be sure to read the enclosed Show Information. Remember, you must have owned your orchid for 6 months before it is eligible for benching but we will have a space for orchids in flower in the *Not for Judging* section. Lynne



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

What a great Winter Show we have just had. The variety and quality of the orchids on display was wonderful. Congratulations to Ron Findlater for his Champion Orchid of the Show – *Den*. Elliana Grace and to all members, thank you for exhibiting, volunteering and being a part of the day,

It was an extremely successful show with many visitors through the door. Every year now since changing our venue a few years ago, the number of visitors is noticeably increasing.

Not long now till our Spring Show – 2nd Sept. Spring Shows have always been my favourite with all the stunning Australian native orchids in flower. I just love walking into the hall and smelling their beautiful perfume.

It was nice to see Tom Gablonski at our last meeting. It has been a rough 12 months for Tom and after seeing him leave our meeting early, we realise he still has a way to go. Tom, we look forward to when you are feeling better and back at our meetings again.

Our August Meeting will be our Member's Auction. It is a great opportunity to buy some more orchids and to sell a few. It is always a fun time. Thank you, Richard, for volunteering to be our auctioneer.

The weather is starting to warm up now and it is an ideal time to check that you have bark, clean or new pots, sprays etc. necessary for the start of Spring's repotting.

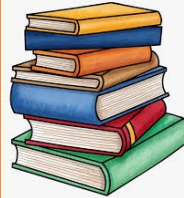
Lots of shows happening now, try to make time to check a few out.

Warm regards,
Louise

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.

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. **August: John Clancy on Dockrillias**

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.

Expansion of Coelogyne to include Dendrochilum, Pholidota and 12 other genera.

Based on DNA analysis, scientists at Kew and elsewhere have determined that the following genera should be transferred into the genus Coelogyne: Bracisepalum, Bulleyia, Chelonistele, Dendrochilum, Dickasonia, Entomophobia, Geesinkorchis, Gynoglottis, Ischnogyne, Nabalua, Neogyna, Otochilus, Panisea and Pholidota. (Refer: <https://www.biotaxa.org/Phytotaxa/article/view/phytotaxa.510.2.1>.)



For example: *Dendrochilum cobbianum* becomes *Coelogyne cobbiana*



Dendrochilum wenzelii becomes *Coelogyne wenzelii*

If you have any dendrochilums or any of the other genera named you should consider changing their labels or including the new name; e.g. *Coelogyne* (ex *Dendrochilum*) *wenzelii*.

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Benching Results - April 2023

BENCHING RESULTS		Month	Year
Class	Orchid Name		Name of Grower
JUNIOR Orchid			
NOVICE			
Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Summercloud 'Gowandale'</i>	F. Sheil	
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Onc. Twinkle 'Fragrant Fantasy'</i>	F. Sheil	
Novice Orchid of the Night	<i>Cym. Summercloud 'Gowandale'</i>	F. Sheil	
INTERMEDIATE			
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. Nitens</i>	R. Hahn	
Australian Native	<i>Den. Aussie Parade x Sunglow 'Golden Glow'</i>	R. Harriman	
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Onc. Tsiku Marguerite</i>	J. Harriman	
Species orchid	<i>Cym. tracyanum</i>	R. Hahn	
Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Dave;s dream x C. Tom Thumb</i>	R. Hahn	
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Masd. Margaret 'Top Hat'</i>	R. Hahn	
Intermediate Orchid of the Night	<i>Paph. Nitens</i>	R. Hahn	
OPEN			
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. Fumi's Delight</i>	M&S Montebello	
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Onc. Susan Bogdanow</i>	B. Phelan	
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Red Dragon 'Orchid World'</i>	M&S Montebello	
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>C. Shin Shiang Diamond Taiyoung x Rlc. Liu's Joyance 'Yung Tien'</i>	G. Jonas	
Species	<i>Prosthechea cochleate</i> Tinonee x Alba	D. Hogan	
Australian Native Hybrid	<i>Den. Elliana Grace</i>	R. Findlater	
Australian Native Species	<i>Den, speciosum 'Daylight Moon'</i>	R. Korber	
Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Touchstone mahogany 'Might Mouse Minnie'</i>	L. Gannon	
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Masd. Inca Prince</i>	B. Phelan	
Open Orchid of the Night	<i>C. Shin Shiang Diamond Taiyoung x Rlc. Liu's Joyance 'Yung Tien'</i>	G. Jonas	
Species of the Night	<i>Dendrochilum cobbianum</i>	R. Korber	
Hybrid of the Night	<i>Paph. Fumi's Delight</i>	M&S Montebello	
Visiting Speaker's Choice	<i>Paph. Nitens</i>	R. Hahn	
Growing Competition Laelia anceps	1st Y. Young, 2nd L. Phelan, 1 point to R. Hahn, R. Korber, B. Phelan.		
Seedlings benched	1		

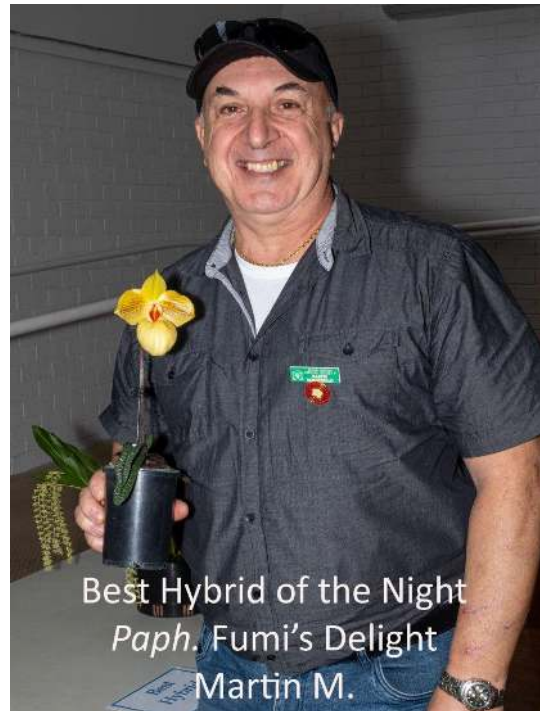
JUDGING RESULTS FOR JULY 2023

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL



Ross H.

Intermediate Popular Vote and Visiting Speaker's Choice
Paph. Nitens—Ross hahn



Best Hybrid of the Night
Paph. Fumi's Delight
Martin M.



Dendrobium / Coelogyne cobbianum
Best species Richard K.

Species of the night
Coelogyne (ex Dendrochilum) cobbiana
Richard Korber



Open Popular Vote of the Night
Gary J



Cym. Summer Cloud 'Gowandale'
Fran S
Novice Orchid of Month

2023 Shoalhaven Orchid Society *What's On at a Glance*

SOCIETY MEETINGS 2023

19th August- Members Plant Auction
18th Sept – Deflasking Demonstration
16th October - David Brooks on *Sarcochilus*
20th November– TBA
18th December – Christmas Party

SOCIETY SHOWS 2023

SOS Inc. Spring Show Saturday 2nd September
SOS Inc. October Show Saturday 21st October

SOCIETY COMING EVENTS

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

Bunnings Barbeque 23 September

South-West Regional Show - Cobargo

30th September - 1st October

OTHER SOCIETY SHOWS

MUOS

Spring Show 9th - 10th September

BBOFS

Spring Show 2nd - 3rd September
Native Show 21st – 22nd October

IDOS

Spring Show 9th - 10th September

Orchid Society of Canberra

Spring Show 16th - 17th September

ORCHID EVENTS

St Ives Orchid Fair - 18th – 20th August

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

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



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.

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

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

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

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

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

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



VALE - BOB TURNBULL

We regret to inform members that former member, Bob Turnbull, has passed away. Bob and his wife, Jill, were active members for many years and had some success on the benches. The society extends sincere sympathy to Jill and their family.

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.**

Wayne Lee's *Dendrochilum saccolabium* came first in the Species Other than Native section on the novice bench at our show. This orchid comes from the Philippines above 1200m. It is cool growing and fairly compact in size. With small pseudobulbs clustered together it will develop into a specimen-size plant in quite a small pot. The many-flowered, arching inflorescences emerge from the multiple new growths. This is one of the genera that have been reclassified as *Coelogyne*. (See P.3)

SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW INFORMATION

Please read carefully

SPRING SHOW Saturday 2nd September 9am – 4pm

BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Show Schedule for our **Spring** show will be included with the **August** 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 **August** 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.

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

Benching on Friday 1st September 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 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 August 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 **August** 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. Sales plants must have been repotted at least than 3 months before the show. 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.

Advertising posters will be distributed at the **August** 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 Spring Show** to **please return them to the August 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* at closing time 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.

July Committee Report

New Members The Society warmly welcomes the following new members: Raymond Bristow (returning member) - Shoalhaven Heads; Tony Richardson - North Nowra; Alysse Landrebe - Callala Bay; Sylvia and Alan Pickup - Longreach; Stafford Lester - Nowra

Show Business: The show raffle took \$1,402.40 - Great result.
Show profit looks to be approx. \$1,244.20. Again great result.

Reminder - Proceeds from the Spring Show sales table will again be by Electronic Transfer. Teresa will require your A/c Name, BSB, and A/C number if you have not provided it previously or if you have changed your bank details.

August meeting is Members Plant Auction. 6 plants per member, couples can sell 6 plants each. The society takes 10% commission on sales. Members' proceeds will be by Electronic Transfer so please supply your banking details if not given previously to Teresa (Treasurer).
There will be NO Plants on the sales table only supplies available at the August meeting.

Changes to Guest Speakers/Society Activity Program.

Deflasking may not happen in September as flasks may not be ready, if so, September to be a talk and Q&A on Aust. Natives with Open Growers.
Jan Robinson is unable to make the November meeting, so possibly deflasking in November if flasks are ready then.