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NEWSLETTER MARCH 2026

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Lynne Phelan 2012, Allan Taylor 2014, Brian Phelan 2022,
Sandra Ellis 2025.

Next Meeting: **Monday NIGHT 16TH March**

Bomaderry Community Centre. 19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry.

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

Guest Speaker: Martin- "Repotting Sarcocylus and Their Culture"

Novice Corner: Louise- talking on Cattleya's.

From The Committee

Bank Account The Society has changed Banks from the Commonwealth to **Bendigo Bank BSB 633 000 Account No. 239 943 905**. The Commonwealth Bank A/C has been closed, so please only use the Bendigo Bank account.

Sub-Committee on S/W Regional Show 2027 Anyone wishing to be part of this Sub-Committee please let Louise or a Committee member know.

Website The web-site has been updated including the Gallery, please have a look and let us know what you think.

2026 Membership. For those that have not renewed their 2026 membership, this will be your last Newsletter that will be emailed to you. Should you choose to renew, please remember the change of banks and remember to reference your name.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Although Autumn has now arrived, I hope we still have many more sunny days ahead.

Thankyou returning committee members, I look forward to working with you all this year. There are no new faces amongst us however there is still a vacancy if a member would like to join our friendly team. It was nice to see Wayne Lee, Di Slye, Robin Gunter, Sandra Ellis and Noelene Weatherby all return to their respective positions. Thankyou, for nominating again. Our First-Aid Officer position is still vacant if a member would like to volunteer.

Congratulations to Richard Korber for winning the 2025 Seedling Competition with Phrag. dalessandroi. Members really did have a difficult time selecting the winner from the seedling photos at our last meeting. Thankyou Richard for taking the photos and the presentation.

We have a busy year ahead with a sub-committee to be formed shortly to organise our society's hosting of the S/W Regional Show and Conference in Oct. 2027. It does seem like a long time away but as we all know, the time will go very quickly.

The charity, Shoalhaven Kids In Need has been chosen for our May meetings Charity Auction. They have previously been the recipient of our Charity Orchid Auction in 2024 and were so very appreciative of our donation. You may remember that they provide financial support to local families with sick children.

Our 70th Anniversary will be celebrated at the June 20th Saturday Meeting with lunch provided following our meeting. If members have any memorabilia from over the past 70 years, please bring it along for our memorabilia table.

Martin's talk on growing and repotting that fabulous Australian native orchid, the Sarcophilus, will be the topic for our March meeting. I am sure most of us grow a few or more of these wonderful rewarding little orchids.

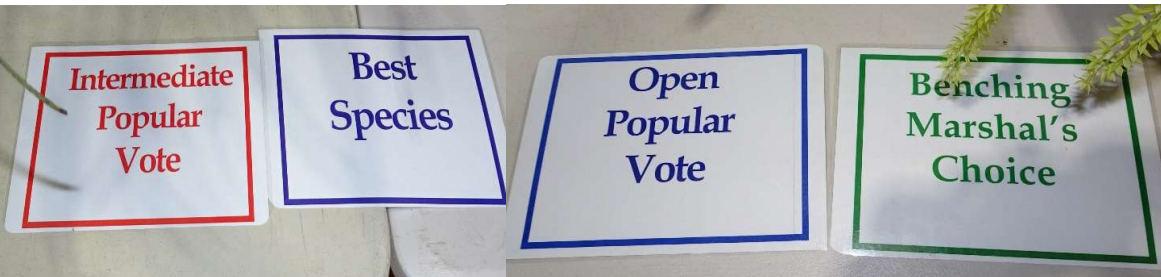
I look forward to another enjoyable year of being President of our society; working together with you all to learn more about orchids and enjoy our interest.

Warm regards,

Louise

70 th Anniversary
Shoalhaven Orchid Society
Established April 1956
Celebrating 70 years in 2026

BENCHING RESULTS		Month February	Year 2026
Class	Orchid Name	Name of Grower	
NOVICE			
Novice Orchid of the Night	No plants benched		
INTERMEDIATE			
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Rutherford Starburst 'Tinonee'</i>	R. Bristow	
Species orchid	<i>Cym. dayanum</i>	R. Bristow	
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Wils. Speckled Apple 'Malika'</i>	R. Bristow	
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Catt. (Burdekin Delight x Narooma) x Ray Maidment</i>	R. Bristow	
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Enc. ciliare</i>	R. Wraight	
Intermediate Orchid of the Night	<i>Cym. dayanum</i>	R Bristow	
OPEN			
Paphiopedilum – species/hybrid	<i>Paph. godefroyae var. leucochilum 'Koi'</i>	M&S Montebello	
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Onc. tripudians</i>	R. Korber	
Dendrobium – species/hybrid	<i>Den. Nagomi</i>	B. Phelan	
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Catt. Penny Kuroda 'Spots' x C. Kew 'XP'</i>	L. Gannon	
Vandaceous Hybrid	<i>V. Somsri 'Glory Blue'</i>	R. Findlater	
Species	<i>Coelogyne cobbianum</i>	W. Lee	
Australian native species	<i>Den. lichenastrum</i>	J. Clancy	
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Phrag. Perseus</i>	R. Korber	
Open Orchid of the Night	<i>Coelogyne cobbianum</i>	W. Lee	
Species of the Night	<i>Cym. dayanum</i>	R Bristow	
Hybrid of the Night	<i>V. Somsri 'Glory Blue'</i>	R. Findlater	
Assistant/ Benching Marshal's Choice	<i>Coelogyne cobbianum</i>	W. Lee	
Growing Competition	Richard Korber 5 points, Kay Morrison 3 points, Ray Bristow 1 point, Martin de Launey 1 point, Ron Findlater 1 point, Stafford Lester 1 point and Colleen Steel 1 point.		
Number of plants benched	38	Number of Growing comp. plants 7	





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NOTICES

Bishops 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 Francoise has the new cards.

Library. Books! Our society has many great books for Speak to Robin 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.**

2026 Shoalhaven Orchid Society

What's On at a Glance

Committee Meetings 2026

Tuesday 3rd March 10.00am

Society Meetings 2026

16th Feb -AGM, Martin – “Cultural Routines to Help Prevent & Control Pests”

16th March – Martin- “Repotting Sarcocochilus and Their Culture”

20th April- TBA

18th May- Charity Auction

Saturday Day Meetings 10am – 1pm

20th June – 70th Anniversary Lunch

18th July – TBA

15th August - TBA

21st Sept – TBA

19th October- TBA

16th November- TBA

15th December – Christmas Party/Presentations

Society Shows 2026

SOS Inc. Winter Show Saturday 11th July

SOS Inc. Spring Show Saturday 5th September

SOS Inc. October Show Saturday 17th October

Society Coming Events

Native Orchid Walk- TBA

Potting Day- TBA

Society Get-Together -TBA

Other Society Shows

MUOS

Winter Show 4th – 5th July

Spring Show 12th – 13th September

BBOFS

South & West Regional Workshop -21st -22nd March

Winter Show 18th-19th July

Spring Show 5th – 6th September

Native Show 17th-18th October

IDOS

Winter Show 4th July

Spring Show 12th September

October Show 24th October

Growing Competition 2026

Please try to find and bring your growing competition plant. If you keep it with a distinctive coloured label it makes it easy to find.

Growing Competition plant to be brought in every 2nd month

February. Sarc. Bunyip ‘Dark Horizon ‘x Kulnura Bliss ‘Orange Ring’

March- Nil

April. Sarc. Bunyip ‘Dark Horizon ‘x Kulnura Bliss ‘Orange Ring’

May. Nil

June. Sarc. Bunyip ‘Dark Horizon ‘x Kulnura Bliss ‘Orange Ring’

July. Nil

August. Sarc. Bunyip ‘Dark Horizon ‘x Kulnura Bliss ‘Orange Ring’

September. - Nil

October. Sarc. Bunyip ‘Dark Horizon ‘x Kulnura Bliss ‘Orange Ring’

November. Nil

December. Sarc. Bunyip ‘Dark Horizon ‘x Kulnura Bliss ‘Orange Ring’

ORCHID EVENTS 2026

Orchids Out West – 15th-17th May.

Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon

Mingara Orchid Fair and Show 27th & 28th June.

Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi

National Orchid Extravaganza – 7th – 9th August.

The Arena Sports Club, Yagoona

St Ives Orchid Fair- 14th – 16th August.

St Ives Showground, St Ives.

Australian Native Orchid Show, Revesby Workers Club – TBA

Orchids Central- 18th – 20th September

Club Condell Park, Condell Pk.

OSNSW Summer Orchid Festival– 4th - 6th December

Georges Hall Community Centre, Georges Hall