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NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2025

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

Next Meeting: **Monday Night 17th November**

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.

Novice Corner: will be Martin repotting/dividing a Paphiopedilum.

WANTED -

BACKUP DIGITAL PROJECTOR OPERATOR/S

Lynne Phelan would like one or more members to learn how to operate the society's digital projector for occasions when she is not able to be at a meeting.

Please talk to Lynne and make arrangements for a training session/s.
(Possibly just prior to a meeting, if that suits.)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At the October General Meeting I mentioned the success of our October Show. With 177 orchids benched it can no longer be regarded as a small show. Thankyou to all members who benched their orchids and volunteered/supported our show. We had 309 visitors attending.

Congratulations to our hard-working member, Lynne Phelan, for winning Champion Orchid of the Show with species cattleya jongheana.

The change in having the Show benches coming down the hall instead of across was well liked by both members and visitors and there is a good chance that it may stay that way. Having the Champions relocated to the side-front where the lighting is much brighter, enabled the judges to decide which orchids will be the champions.

Thank you, members who volunteered to assist at the Bunnings BBQ, recently. A busy non-stop day which raised \$2420. The 2 BBQ's we like to have each year financially help our society a great deal.

Committee have received the go ahead to store 10 trestle tables in the hall under the stage. Martin Montebello will be making a platform with wheels (dolly) for ease of pulling out and putting away.

Last meeting our Guest Speaker was Helen Lovell from Neutrog fertilizers. Helen's presentation of photos helped show the manufacturing process and the attributes of the Neutrog products. Samples of Seamungus did not arrive in time for the meeting but have since been received. They will be available at the November meeting.

Trophies, ribbons and prize cards won at the South/West Regional Show at Canberra will be presented at our November meeting and will also include a presentation of photos taken at the event.

November is the last month for this year's benching. Benching results for the Dec. 2024 – Nov. 2025 year will be tallied and prizes given at our December Meeting/Christmas Party.

A warm welcome to our New Member, Vernon Newing. Vernon is the grandson of a passed Life Member – Tom Newing.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our November Meeting.

Warm regards,

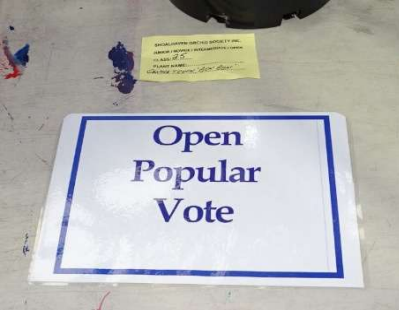
Louise



BENCHING RESULTS		Month	OCTOBER	Year 2025
Class	Orchid Name		Name of Grower	
NOVICE				
Laeliinae Alliance	Rc. Brunswick Bonanza ‘Tullamore’		R. Ballard	
Species	Den. fimbriatum var. oculatum		M. de Launey	
Miscellaneous orchid	V. MS Delight		R. Ballard	
Novice Orchid of the Night	Den. fimbriatum var. oculatum		M. de Launey	
INTERMEDIATE				
Dendrobium	Den. Unknown		R. Wraight	
Australian native hybrid/species	Phaius Lady Ramona ‘Looking at You’		W. Lee	
Species orchid	Bifrenaria harrisoniae		R. Bristow	
Cymbidium	Cym. Tennis		W. Lee	
Miscellaneous Orchid	Phal. Unknown		R. Bristow	
Intermediate Orchid of the Night	Phaius Lady Ramona ‘Looking at You’		W. Lee	
OPEN				
Paphiopedilum – species/hybrid	Paph. Barbara Barola		W. Simmons	
Oncidiinae Alliance	Tolu. Golden Sunrise		M & S Montebello	
Dendrobium	Den. jenkinsii		J. Clarke	
Laeliinae Alliance	Catt. Rosella’s lovely Sunset x C. Aussie Sunset		G. Jonas	
Vandaceous Hybrid	Neostylis Pinky ‘Song Mo’		F. Sikora	
	Phal. Taida Vivien Stripes x P. Dendi’s Treasure		M & S Montebello	
Species	Ada keillana		B. Phelan	
Australian native hybrid	Cym. Pee Wee		L. Gannon	
Australian native species	Cym. canaliculatum		L. Phelan	
Cymbidium	Cym. Daren Dots ‘Dazzler’		L. Gannon	
Open Orchid of the Night	Paph. Barbara Barola		W. Simmons	
Species of the Night	Den. fimbriatum var. oculatum		M. de Launey	
Hybrid of the Night	Phal. I Hsin ‘White beauty’		M & S Montebello	
Assistant/ Benching Marshal’s Choice	Den. Second Love		R. Findlater	
Growing Competition	5 points Stafford Lester,3 points Kay Morrison and 1 point for Ray Bristow, John Clarke, Martin de Launey and Ron Findlater.			
Number of plants benched	76	Number of Growing comp. plants	7	Seedlings 5



Open
Popular
Vote



Open
Popular
Vote



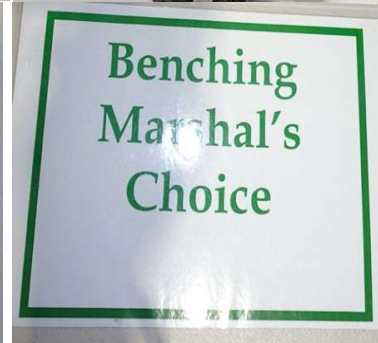
Intermediate
Popular
Vote



Novice
Popular
Vote



Best
Hybrid



Benching
Marshal's
Choice

October Show Benching Marshals' Report

Congratulations to the 22 members who benched plants to make a magnificent, colourful display for our last show of the year. It was especially pleasing to see the number and quality of plants benched by our Novice and Intermediate members.

There were 177 plants benched, beating our spring show total of 171. Well done, and congratulations to all the winners. The competition was very strong and the judges were hard pressed to decide in some classes.

There were only 4 classes with no entries, so it seems our schedule caters well for orchids flowering at this time of year. The new arrangement of the benches and the relocation of the Champions' Table worked well and will be retained for future shows.

Overall, the benching went very well. Just a few reminders:

- When writing the names of orchids on the benching labels please try to use the correct script as these labels are used for recording. The genus has a capital letter, species is lower case and cultivar name with a capital and in single inverted commas, e.g. *Cattleya intermedia* 'Rex'. *
- Do not forget to put **your** name on the back of the benching cards. The recorders need to know who owns the winner.
- Giving your orchids their best chance of a prize means paying attention to staking early in the development of the raceme. Some of the orchids in the Novice/Intermediate sections were disadvantaged as they were facing down and not displaying their flowers for the judges. *
- Our shows put our orchids on public display so presentation also means ensuring that scruffy or badly marked pots should be cleaned up or double-potted.

* These are possible topics for discussion/demonstration at meetings before shows in 2026.

If you have any feedback/suggestions on the show benching or schedule please speak to Martin or myself or a member of the committee.

Brian Phelan and Martin Montebello



OCTOBER SHOW RESULTS 2025

CHAMPION ORCHID OF THE SHOW

Cattleya jongheana L. Phelan

CHAMPION SARCANTHINAE

Sarc.. Duno Nicky's Twin x S. Joy Beetroot Falls R. Findlater

CHAMPION EUGENANTHE

Den. Comet King R. Findlater

CHAMPION SPECIES ORCHID OTHER THAN SARCANTHINAE

Cattleya jongheana L. Phelan

CHAMPION HYBRID OTHER THAN SARCANTHINAE or

EUGENANTHE

Cym. PeeWee L. Gannon

CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE ORCHID

Sarc. hartmannii Roberta x Red Snow W. Lee

CHAMPION NOVICE ORCHID

Den. nobile virginialis S. Lester

CHAMPION SPECIMEN ORCHID

Sarc. Unknown G. Jonas

CHAMPION SEEDLING ORCHID

Paph. liemianum 'Perfect Circle' x P. liemianum 'Heavy Metal'
M & S Montebello

OPEN SECTION

SARCOCHILUS SPECIES

1st Sarc. hartmannii L. Phelan
2nd Sarc. hartmannii J. Clarke

OTHER SARCANTHINAE SPECIES

No entries

NATIVE DOCKRILLIA SPECIES

1st Dock. Tweeti x Dock. brevicauda W. Simmons

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES OTHER THAN DOCKRILLIA

1st Cym. suave 'Musical Bay' J. Clancy
2nd Den. fleckeri [(Dark Delight x Yellow Giant) x Matly's Red]
J. Clancy

SARCANTHINAE HYBRID – predominantly white

1st Sarc. Madge L. Gannon
2nd Sarc. Madge L. Gannon

SARCANTHINAE HYBRID – predominantly yellow/peach

1st Sarc. Galaxy Cream x S. Sunny R. Findlater
2nd Sarc. Amber Yellow x S. Fizzy Dove 'Peachy' J. Clarke

SARCANTHINAE HYBRID – predominantly red/pink

1st Sarc.. Duno Nicky's Twin x S. Joy Beetroot Falls R. Findlater

SARCANTHINAE HYBRID – any other colour

1st Sarc. Kulnura Taser 'Oh My' x S. Kulnura Opus 'Vision'
M. & S. Montebello

INTERGENERIC SARCANTHINAE HYBRID

1st Sartylis Blue Knob L. Gannon

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE TERRESTRIAL

1st Microtis sp. L. Phelan

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID not elsewhere specified

1st Plectochilus Kilgra L. Phelan

SPECIES OTHER THAN NATIVE

1st Cattleya jongheana L. Phelan
2nd Phrag. sargentianum M & S Montebello

EUGENANTHE (SOFTCANE) HYBRID – WHITE/YELLOW

1st Den. Leonie Kay R. Findlater
2nd Den. Love memory Fizz 'Luna' R. Findlater

EUGENANTHE (SOFTCANE) HYBRID – RED/PINK

1st Den. Comet King R. Findlater

ONCIDIHINAE ALLIANCE HYBRID

1st Onc. Roymar x Onc. Helen Dugger B. Phelan
2nd Tolu. Golden Sunrise M & S Montebello

LAELIINAE ALLIANCE HYBRID

1st Catt. Trick or Treat x C. Topaz Acclaim G. Jonas
2nd Catt. Orpettii B. Phelan

VANDACEOUS ALLIANCE HYBRID

1st Phal. Taida Vivien Stripes M & S Montebello
2nd Phal. Charming Crystal Waters M & S Montebello

PAPHIOPEDILUM SPECIES

1st Paph. liemianum 'Perfect Circle' x P. liemianum 'Heavy Metal' M & S Montebello
2nd Paph. sukhakuli W. Simmons

PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS

a. Primary Hybrid

1st. Paph. micranthum 'Fatso' x P. superbiens 'Monster'
W. Simmons
2nd. Paph. Fumi's Delight W. Simmons

b. Round Shape (Complex Hybrid)

1st. Paph. New Addition x P Winston Churchill 'Indomitable'
W. Simmons
2nd. Paph. Duode Citron G. Jonas

c. Maudiae Type (Hybrids within Barbata Section)

1st. Paph. Montebello's Delight Ho M & S Montebello
2nd Paph. Montebello's Delight Ho M & S Montebello

d. Multifloral

1st Paph. primulinum alba x P. haynaldianum alba W. Simmons

e. Any other paphiopedilum hybrid

1st Paph. primulinum 'Yunfang' x P. Hung Shong
M & S Montebello
2nd Paph. Raisin Eyes x P. sukhakulii 'Susan' W. Simmons

ANY OTHER HYBRID not elsewhere specified

1st Den. Yaya Victoria M & S Montebello
2nd Masd. Blazing Wing B. Phelan

CYMBIDIUM

1st Cym. Pee Wee L. Gannon
2nd. Cym Cricket N. Weatherby

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

SARCANTHINAE SPECIES

1st Sarc. hartmannii 'Roberta' x 'Red Snow' W. Lee

SARCANTHINAE HYBRID

1st Sarc. Roberta '90% Yellow' x S. Amber 'Very Apricot' W. Lee
2nd Sarc. Unknown R. Bristow

EUGENANTHE (SOFTCANE) HYBRID

1 st Den. Chorus Girl 'Painted Lady'	R. Bristow
2 nd Den. Unknown	R. Wraight

SPECIES OTHER THAN SARCANTHINAE

1 st Den. fimbriatum oculatum	R. Wraight
2 nd Phaius australis Topaz Tiger	W. Lee

ANY OTHER HYBRID

1 st Phal. Unknown	R. Bristow
2 nd Phaius Lady Ramona Harris 'Looking at You'	W. Lee

ONCIDIINAE ALLIANCE HYBRID

No entries

CYMBIDIUM

1 st Cym. Tennis	W. Lee
2 nd Cym. Unknown	R. Bristow

NOVICE SECTION**SARCANTHINAE SPECIES**

No entries

SARCANTHINAE HYBRID

1 st Sarc. Sunny Supreme x S. Cenendra Scarlet	S. Lester
2 nd Sarc. Fitzhart Magenta x S. Joy Amy	S. Lester
3 rd Sarc. Unknown	F. Flack

EUGENANTHE HYBRID

1 st Den. Hanama Lake 'Dream'	S. Lester
2 nd Den. Yukidaruma 'King'	S. Lester

SPECIES OTHER THAN SARCANTHINAE

1 st Den. nobile virginalis	S. Lester
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ANY OTHER HYBRID

1 st Phal. Unknown	S. Lester
2 nd Bc. Jarak Kiku	K. Carter
3 rd V. S. M. Delight	R. Ballard

ONCIDIINAE ALLIANCE HYBRID

1 st Onc. Intergeneric 'Lemon Sorbet'	K. Carter
2 nd Miltoniopsis Golden Snows 'White Light'	K. Carter

CYMBIDIUM

No entries

JUNIOR CLASS any flowering orchid

No Entries

FERNS AND FOLIAGE Open to all members**FERN**

1 st Maidenhair 'Fluffy'	M. Ahonen
2 nd Maidenhair	M. Ahonen

FOLIAGE PLANT NOT IN FLOWER

1 st Bird's Nest	D. Slye
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From The Committee

New Members

We welcome 2 New Members Ronald Howlett as an Open Grower and Luke Williams as a Novice Grower. We hope you are made to feel welcomed and you enjoy your time with us.

November Meeting There will be a slideshow of pictures taken at the South & West Regional Show that was held recently in Canberra. This will be in lieu of a Guest Speaker.

The Annual Presentation & Christmas Party Committee is well under way planning for this year's celebration at our December Meeting.

Name Badges Please see Stafford if you have the incorrect logo on your badge and he will organise a replacement.

Membership Membership renewal fees for 2026 will be due before December 31st. Payments can be made at meetings by cash or eftpos, please see Kerrie or by bank transfer, please be sure to reference your name so that we know who has paid.



" Guess who this member is that did a surprise visit to Francoise's home"

AUSTRALIAN CYMBIDIUMS

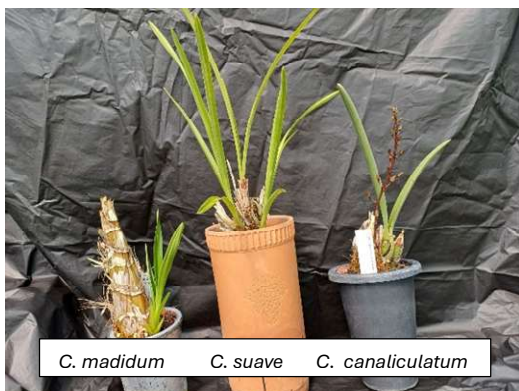
Lynne Phelan

There are three species of cymbidium native to Australia. *Cymbidium suave* is the southernmost with its range extending from Bega in NSW all the way up to Cooktown in Queensland.

C. suave is an epiphyte growing in open forest in the hollows of eucalypt trees but can also be found on banksias and other trees. The roots can penetrate deep into the rotted heartwood and the root system is very extensive. They don't make pseudobulbs so they depend on the extensive root system to seek moisture during dry spells. If the tree comes down in a storm the orchid will often continue to grow happily in the stump or on the fallen trunk. The stems have grass-like leaves about 350mm long. The stems continue to grow and new growths tend to 'climb' emerging from the dead leaf bracts at the base of an existing stem. The flower racemes tend to be pendulous and the flowers vary in colour from muddy yellow green to bright apple green. As the name suggests, they are sweetly scented.

Cymbidium madidum is also an epiphyte found in rainforests and swamps but its range is more towards the tropical, high rainfall areas. It grows on trees with rough barks to give the roots purchase. It can also be found on boulders and cliff faces. The pseudobulbs are huge, up to 250mm long and the leaves are also very long – some nearly a metre in length. Having good storage in the pseudobulbs, *C. madidum* can cope with some dry periods and needs a fairly dry rest in winter. As with *C. suave*, the flower colour varies from pale green to darker brownish green. The long, arching racemes may have up to 60 flowers.

Cymbidium canaliculatum extends from the Kimberley in WA, the NT, Queensland and to the Hunter region of NSW. It grows in drier areas west of the Great Dividing Range. In the tropics it can survive the long, dry season as its roots reach deep inside the host tree and it has very tough, fleshy V-shaped leaves which channel any available moisture or dew down to the root zone. The flowers have an amazing array of colours from pale green to dark purple, almost black and some varieties have spots and speckles.



I have grown all three cool in my shadehouse. *C. madidum* is too big for me so I only have a single backbulb left over from when we had to rescue the large plant from the dead banksia. My one plant of *C. canaliculatum* hangs high in the shadehouse under the plastic roof and flowers each year. *C. suave* survives but hasn't flowered for a couple of years. Both *C. suave* and *canaliculatum* have been in the same pots for many years and desperately need repotting.

References: Australian Orchid Review Summer 1987*; D. L. Jones, Native Orchids of Australia; Various internet sites.

*Yes, I do have a copy of this ancient journal.

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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.**

2025 Shoalhaven Orchid Society
What's On at a Glance

Committee Meetings 2025

Tuesday 2nd December at Nowra BC
10.00am

Society Meetings 2025

**17th November- S/W Regional
Presentation**

**15th December – Annual Presentation &
Christmas Party**

Society Shows 2025

Society Coming Events

Native Orchid Walk- TBA

Potting Day- TBA

Other Society Shows

Growing Competition 2025

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.

November. Sarc. Bunyip 'Dark Horizon' x
Kulnura Bliss 'Orange Ring'

December Sarc. Bunyip 'Dark Horizon' x Kulnura
Bliss 'Orange Ring'

ORCHID EVENTS 2025

**OSNSW Summer Show, Ermington Main Hall,
Ermington 13th-14th December**

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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