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NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2023



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TOPIC - Australian Native Orchids

This is a great time to focus on our native orchids so this month we will have an open discussion and members are invited to bring along any questions to put to our experienced growers. Questions could relate to any aspect of native orchid culture including watering, fertilising, dividing, etc. You could even get tips on where to source them and there may even be some on the sales table for you to buy.

If you have a particular plant you would like advice on - maybe it is totally overgrown and you aren't sure how to tackle it - feel free to bring it in but if you suspect it is diseased in any way please have it in a sealed plastic bag. We have some very knowledgeable growers who will be able to help solve your native orchid problems.

SOCIETY INFORMATION

VENUE: BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE
19 BIRRILEY STREET, BOMADERRY.

NEXT MEETING Monday 18 September, 2023

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 EDITOR'S DESK

Hello Members



As I write this on the first day of spring I am mentally ticking off the supplies I will need to launch into my major repotting season. Pretty much all of my collection gets repotted in spring; only the sarcochilus are exempt as they are coming into their peak flowering period. They will be done in autumn, along with any other late flowering varieties. Lynne

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

What a great Spring Show we have just had! The weather was kind to us, with a lovely sunny day, allowing many visitors to attend – our final count was 480 visitors. Everyone I spoke to from Judges to visitors all agreed that it was a wonderful show with spectacular blooms.

Spring is a great time for the Aust. native orchids to flower and they certainly did not disappoint at our show. Hybridising in these orchids has allowed the colour range to expand greatly. There were great examples both in our benched orchids and also on our sales table – which sold like hot cakes.

Congratulations to Ron Findlater for winning the Champion Orchid of the Show with his spectacular Den. Australian Goldrush 'Stan' – a huge specimen plant with 18 inflorescences, with approx. 62 golden yellow flowers on each. A BIG THANKYOU to all members who exhibited their orchids to make the show a great success.

The South & East Regional Show is fast approaching (30th Sept. – 1st Oct. [setting up Fri. 29th Sept.]). A handful of our members are attending the show and creating a 2m x 2m orchid display. We are hoping that you will lend your well grown orchids for the display. (Please see note in this Newsletter).

Our October Show will follow on the 21st Oct. It is a great time of year for our Sarcocilus and soft cane dendrobiums to flower.

We welcomed five new members at our last meeting, Sylvia & Alan Pickup, Alyse Landrebe, Stafford Lester, Tony Richards and one returning member, Ray Bristow. We hope you enjoy being a part of our orchid group. At our September meeting we are fortunate again to be welcoming another 6 new members.

Our Committee has decided to increase the number of raffle plants on offer at our meetings from 6 to 8 orchids. Thank you Ken and Leonie Coates who were at our last meeting and donated an assortment of orchids for raffle prizes.

Our Bunnings BBQ is fast approaching – Sat. 23rd Sept. Thank you Yvonne Young and Sandra Ellis for organising the day and members who have volunteered to help through the day. The proceeds from the BBQ's greatly help our Society.

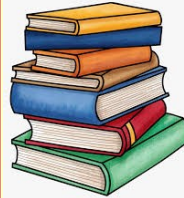
On our website there is a great article on Spring orchid care written by Lynne Phelan. You will certainly pick up some good tips there!

Congratulations to Milton/Ulladulla Orchid Society who are celebrating their 50th Anniversary this month. We hope all your members, enjoy this wonderful occasion.

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. **September: John Clancy will be talking about potting mixes and choice of pots.**

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.

Spring Show gallery—more on P 9
 Thanks to Richard Korber for the photos.
 See results for plant names.

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Ron Findlater Champion Orchid of the Show



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John Harriman Champion Intermediate Orchid

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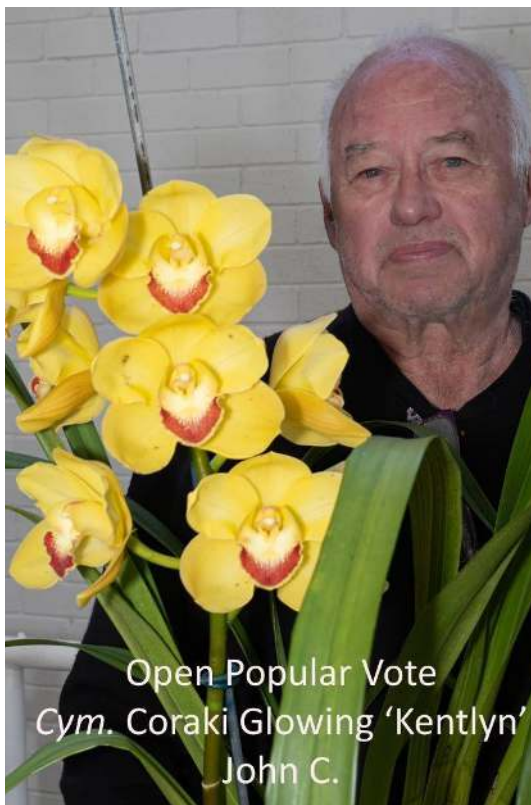
- 1. Sanitise your hands with the hand sanitiser provided when you arrive.**
- 2. Wearing a mask is optional.**
- 3. If you are unwell, please do not attend.**

Benching Results - August 2023

BENCHING RESULTS		Month	Year
Class	Orchid Name	Name of Grower	
NOVICE			
Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Unknown</i>	W. Lee	
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Onc. Twinkle 'Pink Profusion'</i>	V. Starling	
Aust. Native hybrid/ species	<i>Den. gracilicaule</i>	R. Wraight	
Species	<i>Coelogyne lactea</i>	W. Lee	
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Zygo. maculatum</i>	W. Lee	
Novice Orchid of the Night	<i>Den. gracilicaule</i>	R. Wraight	
INTERMEDIATE			
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Dunokayla</i>	J. Harriman	
Aust. Native hybrid/ species	<i>Den. Burgundy Bride x Delicatum</i>	J. Harriman	
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Onc. Pacific Harvest</i>	J. Harriman	
Species orchid	<i>Dinema polybulbon</i>	J. Harriman	
Cymbidium	<i>Cym. One Tree Hill</i>	J. Harriman	
Intermediate Orchid of the Night	<i>Den. Dunokayla</i>	J. Harriman	
OPEN			
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. Fumi's Delight</i>	M & S. Montebello	
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Oda. June Appleby x Oda. Aviator</i>	B. Phelan	
Dendrobium	} <i>Den. Red Dragon 'Orchid World'</i> } <i>Den. Airy Snow 'Orchid World'</i>	M & S. Montebello M & S. Montebello	
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>C. Madam Edith x Bongo Sam</i>	G. Jonas	
Vandaceous Hybrid	<i>V. Pachara Delight 'Blue'</i>	D. Hogan	
Species	<i>Soph. coccinea</i>	B. Phelan	
Aust. Native Hybrid	<i>Den. Dunokayla</i>	R. Findlater	
Aust. Native Species	<i>Sarc. falcata</i>	L. Phelan	
Cymbidium	} <i>Cym. Red Pepper 'Janice'</i> } <i>Cym. Coraki Glowing 'Kentlyn'</i>	R. Findlater J. Clarke	
Miscellaneous orchid	} <i>Masd. Machu Picchu</i> } <i>Masd. Copper Angel Wings</i>	B. Phelan B. Phelan	
Open Orchid of the Night	<i>Cym. Coraki 'Angel Wings'</i>	J. Clarke	
Species of the Night*	<i>Soph. coccinea</i>	B. Phelan	
Hybrid of the Night*	<i>Oda. June Appleby x Oda. Aviator</i>	B. Phelan	
Visitor's Choice* All selected by Veronica Clowes	<i>Den. Dunokayla</i>	R. Findlater	
Growing Competition Zygonaria hybrid	1st. L. Phelan; 2nd R. Gunter; 1 point to B. Jarman, B. Phelan, Y' Young. What happened to the other 35 Zygos that were given out???? We can do better!!		
Seedlings benched	2		

JUDGING RESULTS FOR AUGUST 2023

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL



Apologies to John Harriman as we did not get a picture of him and his winning Intermediate Popular Vote, *Den. Dunokayla*,. Here are two other of John's lovely orchids.

South and West Regional Orchid Show

The Shoalhaven Orchid Society will be participating in the regional show at Cobargo on the first weekend in October. A small number of members has volunteered to take members' orchids down and set up a display on behalf of the society. The display area is 2m x 2m space and we hope that our display will showcase some of our members best orchids.

Members who have healthy orchids that are in flower and in good benching condition are invited to have them included in the display. All orchids benched will be eligible for judging. We will also need ferns and foliage plants to 'dress' our display. Reasonably compact, leafy types would work best as we have limited room for transport. There is a category for ferns and foliage in the schedule so they may be judged.

As there is no Intermediate benching class any Intermediate exhibitor's plants will be benched in Open.

An entry form similar to the ones we use will be circulated with this newsletter along with the regional show schedule. **Please bring a copy of the completed entry form to the September monthly meeting and include any plants you think you may be sending;** it is easy to delete if they aren't ready or they go over. **Keep a duplicate copy for yourself** (or Lynne will copy your form at the meeting). **Give this copy, amended if there are any changes,** to one of the following people when you give them your plants: Louise Gannon, Sandra Ellis, John Cameron, Ron Findlater, Francois Sikora, Brian and Lynne Phelan.

Plant pick-up point are as follows:

- if you live north of the river meet Louise in Bomaderry IGA carpark between 10–11am on Wednesday 27th September;
- Françoise will be in the lower area of Dan Murphy's carpark on Thursday 28th 1-2pm.
- For members in the Bay and Basin area make arrangements with Brian, Lynne, Sandra and John at the September meeting. With only 4 vehicles we will have very limited space so it may not be possible to take all of your orchids.

If you do not come to the September meeting and you are sending plants for the display please fill in the entry form and email it to **Lynne Phelan** (address below) by 8.00pm on Wednesday 27 September as Lynne has to pre-register your entries and make labels.

Would members lending ferns and foliage plants also provide us with a list so that we can make sure you get them back.

More information at the September meeting but feel free to contact us if you have any questions about the event.

Lynne Phelan

phelan.landb@gmail.com

COMMITTEE NEWS

The Society warmly welcomes the following new members:
In August: Sylvia & Alan Pickup, Alyse Landrebe, Stafford Lester, Tony Richards and one returning member, Ray Bristow.

In September: Lea Laws, Callala Beach; Laurie and Christine Talbot, Coolangatta; Kate Hercus and Jessica Wales, North Nowra; and Kerrie Carter, North Nowra.

There will now be 8 prizes in the raffle instead of 6.

The Sales Table will be trialling sales of small bags of bark/perlite potting mix which may be useful for members who have only a small collection. This may be available at the September meeting.

President Louise Gannon and Orchid Society of NSW Secretary, Veronica Clowes.



2023 SPRING ORCHID SHOW RESULTS

CHAMPION ORCHID OF THE SHOW

Den. Australian Goldrush 'Stan' R. Findlater

RESERVE CHAMPION OF THE SHOW

Paph. Raisin Eyes x P. sukhakulii 'Susan' W. Simmons

CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM

Cym. Galaxy K & S Wynn

CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN NATIVE / NATIVE HYBRID

Den. Australian Goldrush 'Stan' R. Findlater

CHAMPION ONCIDIINAE HYBRID

Onc. Marguerits Holm B. Phelan

CHAMPION SPECIES ORCHID OTHER THAN NATIVE

Paph. venustum alba 'Werri' W. Simmons

CHAMPION ANY OTHER ORCHID

Coelogyne Unchained Melody R. Wraight

CHAMPION VANDACEOUS HYBRID

Phal. Bigfoot M & S Montebello

CHAMPION LAELIINAE HYBRID

Rlc. Taiwan Chief 'Bell' R. Findlater

CHAMPION PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRID

Paph. Raisin Eyes x P. sukhakulii 'Susan' W. Simmons

CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE ORCHID

Den. Dunokayla J. Harriman

CHAMPION NOVICE ORCHID

Den. gracilicaule R. Wraight

OPEN SECTION

1. CYMBIDIUM - Standard – over 90 mm

1st. Cym. Galaxy K & S Wynn

2nd. Cym. Kimberley Splash 'Tee Pee' K & S Wynn

2. CYMBIDIUM - Intermediate - 60 to 90 mm

1st. Cym. Gentle Touch 'Bon Bon' J. Clarke

2nd. Cym. Red Pepper 'Janice' R. Findlater

3. CYMBIDIUM - Miniature - under 60 mm

1st. Cym. Vogelsong x C. Dr Baker L. Gannon

2nd. Cym. Hiroshima Sweet Eyes 'Pink' F. Sikora

4. LAELIINAE HYBRID - over 80 mm

No Entries

5. LAELIINAE HYBRID - 80 mm or under

1st. Rlc. Taiwan Chief Bell R. Findlater

2nd. Sc. Lana Coryell 'Alex L' AM/AOC W. Simmons

6. DENDROBIUM - exotic - hardcane/softcane

1st. Den. Airy Snow 'Orchid World' M & S Montebello

2nd. Den. glomeratum R. Korber

7. ONCIDIINAE ALLIANCE - over 70 mm

1st. Onc. Marguerite Holm B. Phelan

2nd. Onc. June Appleby x Onc. Aviator B. Phelan

8. ONCIDIINAE ALLIANCE - 70 mm or under

1st. Onc. Twinkle F. Sikora

2nd. Onc. Twinkle 'Chian-Tzy Golden No. 3' D. Hogan

9. VANDACEOUS HYBRID

1st Phal. Bigfoot M & S Montebello

10. SPECIES - Americas

1st. Onc. nobile B. Phelan

2nd. Soph. coccinea B. Phelan

11. ANY OTHER SPECIES – not elsewhere specified other than Australian Natives

1st. Coelogyne stenophyllum R. Korber

2nd. Coelogyne flaccida L. Gannon

12. PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRID

1st. Paph. Raisin Eyes x P. sukhakulii 'Susan' W. Simmons

2nd. Paph. Invincible W. Simmons

12a. PAPHIOPEDILUM SPECIES

1st. Paph. venustum alba 'Werri' W. Simmons

2nd. Paph. villosum 'Werri' HCC/AOC W. Simmons

13. ANY OTHER HYBRID - American

1st. Masd. Copper Angel Wings B. Phelan

2nd. Masd. Machu Picchu B. Phelan

14. ANY OTHER HYBRID - not elsewhere specified

1st. Coel. Unchained Melody J. Clarke

2nd. Coel. Unchained Melody D. Hogan

15. DOCKRILLIA HYBRID

1st. Dock. Jiggi J. Clancy

2nd. Dock. dolcophyllum x Grumpy J. Clancy

16. DENDROBIUM - speciosum

1st. Den. speciosum Berangi Gold x Windermere

R. Findlater

2nd. Den. speciosum Oh Sugar x Windermere R. Korber

17. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID - pink or red

1st. Den. Kingfisher Beauty R. Findlater

2nd. Den. Elliana Grace R. Findlater

18. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID – yellow, cream or green

1st. Den. Australian Goldrush 'Stan' R. Findlater

2nd. Den. Australian Butterbright R. Findlater

19. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES - white or any other colour

- 1st. Den. Flinders 'World's Best' x speciosum R. Korber
 2nd. Den. Flinders 'World's Best' x speciosum R. Korber

20. SARCANTHINAE - SPECIES

- 1st. Sarc. falcatus L. Phelan
 2nd. Sarc. falcatus L. Gannon

21. SARCANTHINAE - HYBRID No entries**22. NATIVE AUSTRALIAN SPECIES-not elsewhere specified**

- 1st. Tetrabaculum tetragonum L. Phelan
 2nd. Dock. schoenina J. Clancy

23. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE TERRESTRIAL - species /hybrid

No entries

INTERMEDIATE SECTION**24. CYMBIDIUM - Standard**

- 1st. Cym. Unknown J. Harriman

25. CYMBIDIUM – Intermediate

- 1st. Cym. One Tree Hill J. Harriman

26. CYMBIDIUM - Miniature No Entries**27. LAELIINAE HYBRID** No entries**28. DENDROBIUM – SPECIES/HYBRID hardcane/softcane**

- 1st. Den. Bounty MAW x Starsheen Botanic Fireworks
 J. Harriman

29. ONCIDIINAE HYBRID

- 1st. Onc. Unknown J. Harriman
 2nd. Onc. Pacific Harvest J. Harriman

30. PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRID

- 1st. Paph. Nitens R. Hahn
 2nd. Paph. Nitens R. Hahn

31. VANDACEOUS HYBRID

No Entries

32. ANY OTHER HYBRID

- 1st. Coel. Unchained Melody S. Ellis
 2nd. Coel. Unchained Melody alba S. Ellis

33. SPECIES ORCHID other than native

- 1st. Dinema polybulbon J. Harriman
 2nd. Sophronitis cernua S. Ellis

34. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES

No Entries

35. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID

- 1st. Den. Dunokayla J. Harriman
 2nd. Den. Australian Goldrush J. Harriman

36. SARCANTHINAE - species / hybrid

- 1st. Sarc. falcatus 'Blue Lips' S. Ellis

NOVICE SECTION**37. CYMBIDIUM - Standard** No entries**38. CYMBIDIUM - intermediate** No entries**39. CYMBIDIUM – Miniature**

- 1st. Cym. Unknown W. Lee
 2nd. Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' D. Slye

40. ONCIDIINAE HYBRID

No entries

41. LAELIINAE HYBRID

- 1st. C. Fire Magic x C. Precious Jewel 'Ruby' V. Starling

42. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES

- 1st. Den. gracilicaule R. Wraight
 2nd. Den. kingianum F. Sheil
 3rd. Den. speciosum var. speciosum W. Lee

43. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID

- 1st. Den. Unknown V. Starling
 2nd. Den. Unknown V. Starling

44. ANY OTHER HYBRID

- 1st. Coelogyne Unchained Melody R. Wraight
 2nd. Paph. Invincible F. Sheil
 3rd. Coelogyne Unchained Melody J. Cameron

45. SPECIES OTHER THAN NATIVE

- 1st. Coelogyne flaccida W. Lee
 2nd. Maxillaria porphyostele W. Lee
 3rd. Maxillaria Elatier F. Sheil

JUNIOR SECTION**46. ANY OTHER ORCHID –species or hybrid** No entries**FERNS & FOLIAGE SECTION****47. FERNS**

- 1st. Polypodium formosanum D. Hogan
 2nd. Maidenhair Fern D. Slye

48. FOLIAGE PLANTS including Anthurium

- 1st. Anthurium andreanum W. Lee
 2nd. Nepenthes sanguines R. Korber

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS**49. BEST SPECIMEN ORCHID**

- Den. Australian Goldrush 'Stan' R. Findlater

50. BEST SEEDLING

- Cym. Galaxy K & S Wynn

Spring show gallery—more in the October newsletter if space permits

Thanks to Richard Korber for the photos. See results for plant names.



Brian Phelan
Champion Oncidiinae



Ross Wraight
Champion any other Orchid



Ken and Sharyon Wynn
Champion Cymbidium and Best Seedling



Wayne Simmons'
Champion Species Other than Native



Ron Findlater
Champion Laeliinae



Martin Montebello
Champion Vandaceous



Wayne Simmons'
Reserve Champion



Wayne S. Champion Paphiopedilum



Ron Findlater's Champion Native



Martin and Wayne
telling Paph. stories

2023 Shoalhaven Orchid Society

What's On at a Glance

Society Meetings 2023

18th Sept – Australian Native Orchid culture

16th October - David Brooks on *Sarcochilus*

20th November– TBA - possibly deflasking

18th December – Christmas Party

Society Shows 2023

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.

Potting Day– TBA

South-West Regional Show - Cobargo

30th September - 1st October

Other Society Shows

Canberra OS

Spring Show 16th—17th September

BBOFS

Native Show 21st – 22nd October

Cancellation of Native Orchid Walk

When Brian and I went for a reconnaissance walk to see what terrestrial orchids we could find on the Moonee Creek track this is what we found:

The precautionary backburn was necessary and, hopefully, next spring the orchids will spring back up! Lynne



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.

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

October. *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**"

ORCHID EVENTS

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

Australian Native Orchid Show Revesby—TBA

AUGUST POPULAR VOTE



Species of the Night