

**PRESIDENT**

Louise Gannon  
lougannon@bigpond.com  
Ph 0419 241 177

**VICE PRESIDENT**

Sandra Ellis  
pollyellis@bigpond.com

**SECRETARY**

Suzanne Knight  
sjknight50@bigpond.com

**TREASURER**

Tom Gablonski  
tom@gablonski.org

**COMMITTEE**

Lynne Phelan; Brian Phelan; Ron Findlater; Françoise Sikora; Diane Slye; Don Hogan; Phillip Harrington; John Clancy;

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

Eti Asplin  
aleti@shoal.net.au  
0407 299 962

# SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



AFFILIATED WITH  
the Australian Orchid Council and the Orchid Society of  
N.S.W.

[www.shoalhavenorchidsociety.com](http://www.shoalhavenorchidsociety.com)  
[Email:shoalhavenorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:shoalhavenorchidsociety@gmail.com)  
PO Box 1022 Nowra NSW 2541

**July 2019**

## President's Report



Hope everyone enjoyed the June Day Meeting. It certainly beats coming out in the cold at night.

It's wonderful to see some of our 'old' members returning to our Society. Your friendship and wealth of knowledge will be a great asset to our Society.

Many thanks to Alan Stephenson for giving us all an insight into his receiving his OAM recently at Government House. I am sure all our members enjoyed seeing his medal and also sharing his memory of the day. We all congratulate you Alan, for your award, and for your dedication to orchid conservation.

Our Committee has been working hard behind the scenes in many different areas and their contribution will benefit all members.

The Winter Show is fast approaching and I hope you are all preening your orchids in readiness for exhibiting. Hopefully the talk by the 4 open growers on grooming, transporting, labelling and staging at the June meeting has helped in your preparation.

*Any members that want to sell NSW Australian Native Orchids please refer to information & form being sent.*

Looking forward to showcasing our orchids and our Society to the visitors at our Winter Show.

See you there,  
Louise

## SOCIETY NEWS

VENUE: BOMADERRY BOWLING CLUB,  
154 MEROO ROAD, BOMADERRY.



Hi members, We continue *winter schedule for July & August meetings*. Watch out for Members

Wish List; ... NSW Australian Native orchid info & recording sheet will be sent out separate to this news letter. Lots happening this month, so please *read carefully*, especially Minutes. If you know anyone who hasn't received newsletter please contact me, Suzanne or Louise a.s.a.p.

Blessings, *Eti*

### Growing Comp July

July - Cym. Death Wish 'Withering Glance'

*Members Plants benched by 1pm, at the latest so popular vote can take place before the meeting starts.*

### July Guest Speaker

**Trevor Hughes**

Talking on Hybridising Cymbidium orchids.

**Attendance** - 27 members, 6 visitors, 5 apologies

### Late Note-

No Bunnings BBQ until Sunday 18th August

**Winter Schedule** THE SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY MEETS ON THE **THIRD MONDAY** OF

**July & August** - at **1 PM** IN THE BOMADERRY BOWLING CLUB, 154 MEROO ROAD, BOMADERRY.

The Shoalhaven Orchid Society disclaims any liability for losses which may be attributed to the use of any of the material mentioned in this newsletter.



### Member's Wish List

Looking for a special plant?? *Email Eti* (front page for address) with ....

*Your Name, Phone number & plant name* and I will add it to our newsletter. **Already have 3 'Asks'** See Back Page for your Wishes...

### 2019 CALENDAR

See back page for the Year

### What's on at a Glance

### Current Life members Shoalhaven Orchid Society

- Mrs N.Rodway - **First Life Member** (Dec)
- Mr Stuart Crowther - 1999
- Mr Alan Stephenson - 1999
- Mr Colin Marstin - 2007
- Mr John Webb - 2009
- Mrs Lynne Phelan - 2012
- Mr Allan Taylor - 2014



### Workshop Novices Corner

**Between 1pm and 1.15pm** newer growers can speak to experienced grower. **July speaker possibly**

**Louise**, talking on different methods of propagating orchids'..... Any orchid question for advice on (please bring it in plastic bag if you suspect it has a disease or pest problem) Remember there's no 'dumb orchid question'!



**Alan Stephenson** showing his OAM Medal which he recently received at Government House for his dedication to orchid conservation to **Lawrie Cowell**



**Sandra Ellis** ...sharing about what is going into the environment – what is safe – read labels, wear PPE, ask for Safety Data Sheets, always remember to use hand sanitizer – before having afternoon tea/supper..

**Thank you Sandra.**

### Extra reminder

### Winter Day SOS Meetings

### July & August

Are scheduled for 1pm and will be in room nearest the Bistro (*not our old room*)  
Benching @ 1pm for 1.30 pm meeting  
Between 1pm - 1.15pm will be workshop corner.



**Five Life members attending our last meeting in June**

*John Webb, Allan Taylor, Colin Marstin, Lynne Phelan and Alan Stephenson*



# Shoalhaven Orchid Society

## June General Meeting Minutes

Held at the Bomaderry Bowling Club, Meroo  
Road, Bomaderry  
Monday 17 June 2019 at 1.00 pm

### MEETING OPENED at 1.30 pm

### WELCOME by PRESIDENT

President Louise Gannon opened the meeting, and welcomed all members and visitors.

Thanks were extended to John Clancy for taking the Novice Corner today. John's talk was on mounting native orchids.

**APOLOGIES:** There were five apologies received.

### ACCEPTANCE of the MINUTES

Minutes of the March General Meeting were accepted as read. Moved: John Clancy, seconded Lynne Phelan.

**BUSINESS ARISING:** (from the previous minutes) - nil

### CORRESPONDENCE: (Secretary's report)

Moved Suzanne Knight, seconded Francoise Sikora that the correspondence be accepted as read.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Moved Tom Gablonski, seconded Colin Marstin that the report presented by Treasurer be accepted.

### PRODUCT SAFETY TALK

Sandra Ellis spoke about what is going into the environment – what is safe – read labels, wear PPE, ask for Safety Data Sheets, always remember to use hand sanitizer – before having afternoon tea/supper.

### COMMITTEE REPORT

Our Committee have been making some good and worthwhile changes to our Society. Because of some of these changes our by-laws are now out of date and need altering. What started as a few changes has grown into quite a few amendments. Our committee could just go ahead and changes these by-laws, without asking

the members, but we feel it is important to be transparent in our decision making. All of the proposed changes were read out to the members present and approved. Once finalised, the updated by-laws will be sent to all members.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

Life Member Alan Stephenson was invited to the front to give a brief talk on his visit to Government House and receiving his OAM medals. It was a most enjoyable few moments.

Returning member Yvonne Young has already taken on a job as our representative for the Bunnings BBQs. Yvonne has tried to firm up a date for our next BBQ with Bunnings, which we would like to be on the first weekend in July, the week prior to our show, but Bunnings at present have not allocated any dates past June which makes it extremely difficult to organise a BBQ. Yvonne passed around a notebook to enable members to write their names, contact details, day and time preferred, in case we get 6 or 7 July for a BBQ.

Shoalhaven Orchid Society website – all members have been asked to look at the website, as it is not where we would like it to be. A web designer has been organised to redo it, but more effort needs to be invested in getting it in good shape, and this will become a priority in the near future. Members were asked to express interest in assisting the web designer getting it going to a higher standard and after the meeting, returning member Ken Coates offered to be this person. This was greatly appreciated.

### WINTER SHOW

This is the last General Meeting before our Winter Show which will be held on 13 and 14 July 2019. This is **our show** and all members are encouraged to bring orchids to exhibit.

Please read your Show Schedule carefully. You will see Francoise Sikora's name and phone number on the back of the schedule. Ring her or email her before 8.00 pm on the Wednesday night (10 July) before the show to let her know which class your orchids will go into.

Orchids are to be brought to the Club on Friday before 5.30 pm. Please also read the show summary sheet that accompanied the schedule and newsletter – lots of information there.

Any member wanting to sell NSW Native Orchids on the Show Sales Table please remember there are new rules regarding these orchids. The OSNSW has a good article you can download from their website called “Guidance for Orchid Societies – Grower Licences”.

The roster for the show was circulated for members to add their names and select the times they are available to assist. Additional Show Flyers were also available for members to take home and display to advertise the show. Raffle ticket sellers are still needed for Saturday 9.00 am to 11.30 am – one person and also on Sunday from 9.00 am to 11.30 am – one person.

Show Security people are needed for Saturday 9.00 am to 11.30 am – one person, 11.30 am to 1.00 pm – one person, 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm – one person and from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm – one person. On Sunday two people are needed from 9.00 am to 11.30 am.

Thanks were extended to John Clancy for compiling 12 raffle tickets into booklets for members to take home and sell to family and friends. Tickets are \$1 each of 6 for \$5. Please bring the books back to the show and give to Treasurer Tom with the money, and also any unused ticket books as these can be used at the show.

A small table top orchid display has been organised at Stocklands shopping centre to promote the Winter Show – located near K Mart. It will be held on Thursday 11 July from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, with eight volunteers needed on the day to hand out flyers – roster circulated for members to add names at times they can assist.

#### **TODAY’S TALK:**

Four of our Open Growers talked about preparing orchids for our show.

Ron Findlater spoke of grooming your orchids for the show and demonstrated very useful tips.

Brian Phelan spoke of transporting plants for show, or to meetings, to avoid damage – there were many great suggestions. Lynne Phelan spoke of labelling your orchids for the show. *Ensure you use your name, not your member number.* Louise Gannon spoke on Staging orchids.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **NEW MEMBERS**

New and renewing members were welcomed and included Wayne Simons, Yvonne and Robert Young, Rebecca Exley and Ken Coates. Your wealth of experience growing orchids is welcomed.

##### **LUCKY BADGE DRAW**

**ALL** members names have been put into a tin. A name will be drawn out until the prize of a \$5 voucher is won with up to six draws to take pace. If not won, the prize will then Jackpot to the next meeting. Francoise Sikora was the winner this month.

##### **BENCHED ORCHIDS RESULTS**

Novice Popular Vote –John Clarke

Intermediate Popular Vote –Helen Douglass

Open Popular Vote –Louise Gannon

Plant of the Night: Species – Sandra Ellis

Plant of the Night: Hybrid – Brian & Lynne Phelan

##### **RAFFLE**

The following people won raffle prizes, which were kindly donated by Lynne and Brian Phelan as well as a couple from returning member Ken Coates:

Val Starling, Ken Coates, Louise Gunter, Robin Gunter, Phill Harrington, Diane Slye, Alan Stephenson, Ron Findlater

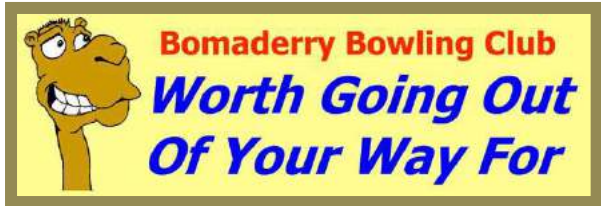
**NEXT MEETING will be a DAY meeting, at 1.00 pm on Monday 15 July 2019.**

Our July guest speaker will be Trevor Hughes. He has not yet told us what he will be talking about, but it will probably be about Cymbidium orchids – he and his wife Pam owned the Firetail cymbidium orchid nursery in Nowra.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 3.45 pm**



*The Society*  
*Thanks our Generous Sponsors*  
We encourage our members to support them



**BISHOPS**  
EVERYTHING FOR PLANTS & ANIMALS

WE STOCK AN EXTENSIVE PRODUCT RANGE FOR ALL YOUR ORCHID NEEDS

- ♂ Campbell's Orchid Fertilizer ♂ Clear Phalaenopsis Pots
- ♂ White and Coloured Labels ♂ Range of Orchid Growing Media...

AND MORE!  
Take advantage of your VIP Customer Pricing  
PHONE FOR DELIVERY OR VISIT US AT 21 BELLEVUE ST,  
SOUTH NOWRA  
Ph: 4423 2359 Fax: 4423 7180



**Books! Books! Books!**  
Our society has many great books for you to borrow - Come & see!!  
Speak to **Robin Gunter** who would be delighted to help you



 **SUPPER**  
**Society Meeting Evenings**  
If are able, on meeting night, could members bring a plate of 'goodies' to share with our 'cuppa'..  
**Good to have a variety.**

**Attention - Attendance Book**  
It is important that members and guests sign in the attendance book. This is required for insurance purposes. *If you don't sign, you are not covered* and cannot claim in the event of an accident. Also, can you please sign beside your number you have been given by the society after payment of fees.

**Benching Results for June 2019**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Plant</b>	<b>Owner</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>		
<b>NOVICE</b>		
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Onc. Tsiku Marguerite</i>	Garry Douglass
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Paph. Gael Camira</i>	John Clarke
<b>Novice Orchid of the Night</b>	<b><i>Odo. Tropical Heatwave 'Everglades'</i></b>	<b>John Clarke</b>
<b>INTERMEDIATE</b>		
Species orchid	<i>Coelogyne ovalis</i>	Sandra Ellis
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Oncidium</i> Unknown	Helen Douglass
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Cattleya</i> Unknown	Helen Douglass
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Zygopetalum</i> Unknown	Helen Douglass
<b>Intermediate Orchid of the Night</b>	<b><i>Oncidium</i> Unknown</b>	<b>Helen Douglass</b>
<b>OPEN</b>		
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. Gigi 'Malibu' x Marion Fischer</i>	Yvonne Young
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Milt. Red Knight 'The King'</i>	Brian & Lynne Phelan
Species	<i>Laelia Anceps Williamsiana X Vietchiana 'Blue Chip</i>	Ken Coates
Australian native hybrid	<i>Den. Hilda Poxon 'Tassie's Pride'</i>	Ken Coates
Terrestrial orchid	<i>Tourantha collina</i>	Alan Stephenson
Intermediate/Miniature Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Cherry Cola 'Tikitere'</i>	Louise Gannon
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Masd. Artizano x Masd. coccinea</i>	B & L Phelan
<b>Open Orchid of the Night</b>	<b><i>Cherry Cola 'Tikitere'</i></b>	<b>Louise Gannon</b>
<b>Orchid Species of the Night</b>	<b><i>Coelogyne ovalis</i></b>	<b>Sandra Ellis</b>
<b>Orchid Hybrid of the Night</b>	<b><i>Odm. Augres 'Hawk's Hill' x Odm. Samares</i></b>	<b>B &amp; L Phelan</b>
<b>Growing Competition</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Françoise Sikora</b>	<b>No 2nd</b>

**IMPORTANT: COULD MEMBERS PLEASE ADD THEIR NAMES TO THEIR NUMBER TAGS FOR MONTHLY AND SHOW BENCHING AS IT IS MUCH EASIER FOR THE RECORDERS. MANY THANKS.**

Thanks. Lynne Phone 44478280, or email [phelan.landb@gmail.com](mailto:phelan.landb@gmail.com)

Winners from Benching June 2019

Orchid Species of the Night



*Coelogyne ovalis*  
Sandra Ellis.

Popular Vote Intermediate  
Orchid of the Night



*Odo. Tropical heatwave 'Everglades'*  
Helen Douglas

Orchid Hybrid of the Night



Orchid Hybrid of the Night: *Odm. Augres 'Hawk's Hill'*  
x *Odm. Samares 'Sea Hawk'*  
B & L Phelan

Popular Vote Novice Orchid of the Night



Popular Vote Open Orchid of the Night



*Odo. Tropical heatwave 'Everglades'*  
John Clarke

*Cym. Cherry Cola 'Tikitere'*  
Louise Gannon



## LYNNE'S HINTS FOR STAGING YOUR ORCHID

Staging or benching your orchid. It's about giving your plant its best chance in the judging process and also helping to make the benching marshal's job as easy as possible.

- Your plant needs to be self-supporting when it is benched and it needs to be able to be moved by the benching marshal. That is, you can't bring your orchid in, put it on the bench and then arrange some prop to hold the flower spike up which will fall down if the plant is moved.
- Pendulous plants need to be raised so their racemes are above the bench – use an upturned pot, stand, etc. Make sure the combination of orchid and support are stable and moveable.
- Top heavy plants can be made stable by double potting into a larger pot, packing in the space between with damp newspaper. Brian has a stack of these already made up as he grows most of his plants in tiny pots in trays and they rarely stand up by themselves.
- You can also make a pot holder out of a larger pot if the plant is unstable. Cut a circle out of the bottom out of the larger pot so the rim of the smaller one fits inside but doesn't fall through the upturned holder pot. (See photo)
- Small orchids often benefit from being raised so the judges can see them better. VERY small orchid flowers may need a magnifying glass so the visiting members of the public can appreciate them!
- Brian grows a lot of his plants hooked onto wire mesh along the walls of the glasshouse. These can be similarly displayed on the bench using a simple home-made stand which has a vertical piece of timber through which two holes have been drilled about 4mm apart and a cable tie firmly looped through. The twin hook pot holder will hook through the tie allowing the plant to hang as it has been growing.
- (I think) Species should be presented how they grow so if it has a natural arching spike it shouldn't be staked straight up. (That's my opinion though I don't think it's a judging rule.) I have seen species cymbidiums staked upright but I think they look much better if they are allowed to gracefully arch as they do naturally.
- You can use decorative pots but use a pot that doesn't overwhelm the orchid. The orchid should catch the judge's eyes, not the pot.



**How I like to be shown!!**

## Shoalhaven Orchid Society Winter Show

12th July -14th July

Don't forget your show schedule and other information. Please read everything carefully and note that **benching starts at 3.00 pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup>** and should be complete by 5.30pm. **Phone or email Françoise (details on schedule) by 8.00 pm on Wednesday 10 July.** Bring your completed Plant Entry Form to the show and leave it with the judging team.

### MUOC

Winter 13th&14th July  
Spring 14th & 15th September

### BBOFS

Winter Show 19th & 20th July  
Spring Show 6th & 7th September  
Native Show 18th & 19th October



**How I like to travel!!**



## 2019 Shoalhaven Orchid Society

### *What's On at a Glance*

#### Committee Meetings 2019

12th August  
9th September  
14th October  
11th November  
9th December

#### Society Meetings 2019

15th July  
19th August  
16th September  
21st October  
18th November  
16th December

#### Shows 2019

Winter - 12th July - 14th July

Spring - 30th August - 1st September

October - Sat 26th October (One day only)

#### Coming Events

#### 2019 Guest Speakers for your

##### Calendar

**July** - Trevor Hughes Hybridising Cymbidiums  
**August** - Peter Stubbs on Orchids of Borneo  
**September** - Gerry Welsh - The Rock Lilly Man  
**October** - Graham Larkham on Thunis  
Marshalliana  
**November** - TBA

#### Growing Competition 2019

**July** - Cym. Death Wish 'Withering Glance'

**August** - Cym - Lancashire Khan 'Debonair'

**September** - Cym - Joan Bryant 'Keen'

**October** - Cym. Khanebono 'jacinta' x (Star Angel x Spring Charisma) 'Kirsty'

**November** - Cym. Death Wish 'Withering Glance'

**December** - Cym - Lancashire Khan 'Debonair'  
Last benching..



#### SOS Plant Wish List

##### 1. Teresa Bourke..

- Cymbidium Death Wish 'Speckled Spectre'
- Cymbidium insigne 'Alice' or 'Atlantis' or 'Best Pink'
- Lost my growing comp. plant *Cymbidium Joan Bryant 'Keen'*. So if the society has another one I'd like to purchase it. Otherwise please add it to the wish list as well.
- lowianum concolor
- 

##### 2. Eti Asplin..

- Would love a tiny piece of *Dockrillia linguiformis* – Tongue Orchid or Thumbnail orchid - (0407 299 962)

##### 3. John Clarke ...

- I'm after a piece of *Masdevallias*, I don't care about colour or variety.