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NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2023

SOS CHRISTMAS PARTY Monday 18 December

Usual benching at the meeting but no sales table.

Members are asked to bring a plate of savoury food to share. The Society will provide plates, utensils, desserts and soft drinks.

You may wish to donate a gift for the giant Christmas raffle. (Something you would like to win yourself.) The society will supply extra prizes and orchids.

Annual awards and prizes will be presented.

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SOCIETY INFORMATION

VENUE: BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE
19 BIRRILEY STREET, BOMADERRY.

NEXT MEETING Monday 18 December, 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

Our final meeting for 2023 but the start of the new benching year so bring in your growing competition plant and flowering orchids to start earning points. At the Christmas Party in 2024 you may be one of the prize winners.

I extend my best wishes to all and hope you have a very safe and happy holiday season. To those members who have not been able to join us because of health issues I hope to see you in 2024. **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

December is a very busy month with Christmas parties, catching up with family and friends, buying gifts and also, trying to fit in doing the housework as well! As my father use to say – 'there are not enough hours in the day'.

I am looking forward to our December Meeting/ Presentation/Christmas Party. It is a special night for all of us to get together and enjoy the night. The presentations are the culmination of results from monthly benching throughout the year. Lynne will be hosting a trivia quest which is always a lot of fun. Thanks Lynne. Please see more information in this newsletter.

Recently we lost one of our respected members with the passing of Don Hogan. Don held our society in the highest regard and worked tirelessly to support it. He was a wonderful, hardworking man and he will be greatly missed.

Our society has been asked by Don's family to assist in the sale of his orchids. The sale will be held on Sunday 17th December starting at 9.30am. All welcome. Members from MUOS and Illawarra O/S have also been invited.

I hope members enjoyed having Colleen Allan from South Coast First Aid at our November meeting, showing us how to do CPR and to how use a defibrillator. It is knowledge that may help to save a life one day.

Our Committee is busy planning the South/West Regional Workshop which will be held at the Nowra Golf Club on Sat./Sun. 9th and 10th March 2024.

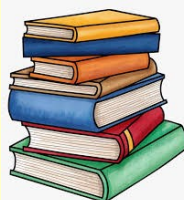
Those nasty little unwanted visitors – the Dendrobium beetles are around, so keep a lookout for them as they can cause a lot of damage to your orchids.

See you all at our December Christmas Meeting,
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. **December: *John Clancy will be demonstrating how to replot a tube seedling.***

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.



VALE DON HOGAN

It is with great regret that we announce the passing of our much loved and respected member, Don Hogan, who lost his long battle on 15 November.

Don started growing orchids in the 1960s and he was a life member of the Bankstown Orchid Society. After retirement he moved to the Shoalhaven and joined our society in February 2017. He brought with him a wealth of knowledge and experience. From the beginning he was an active member, contributing to all aspects of society business. He was always thinking of ways to help because as he said, a number of times, 'I just love this Society'.

For almost six years, Don gave his all: he was on committee, performed the job of benching marshal at meetings and shows, mentored new members, sourced orchids for growing competitions and raffles, provided transport for other members, participated in society activities and social events and became a friend of many. He did not seek any recognition for the work that he did, preferring to just work quietly in the background. Last December, Don was awarded the OSNSW Meritorious Service Medal which is given to acknowledge a member's extraordinary service to their society over many years.

Don's funeral service was held on Tuesday 28th November at Worrigea Lawn Cemetery. A floral tribute was sent and twelve members represented our society.

We will remember Don as a happy man, who was very loyal, caring, generous and trustworthy, a hard worker with strong work ethics, who led by example, and, as his mate Jim Cootes said, "A good bloke." He will be missed.

Don's Orchids

Don's family has asked the society to help with the sale of Don's orchid collection. The date will be **Sunday 17th December** at **9 Lackersteen Street, Callala Bay**. You will be emailed with final details for the day when they come to hand.

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COVID RESTRICTIONS

Please observe the following:

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

Benching Results - November 2023

BENCHING RESULTS		Month	Year
Class	Orchid Name		Name of Grower
JUNIOR Orchid			
NOVICE			
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Miltps. Rubenesque 'Brockton'</i>		R. Bristow
Species	<i>Encyclia pentotis</i>		W. Lee
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Phal. Unknown</i>		R. Bristow
Novice Orchid of the Night	<i>Phal. Unknown</i> <i>Phal. Unknown</i>		R. Bristow P. Bell
INTERMEDIATE			
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Sherry Abe</i>		N. Weatherby
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Onc. Unknown</i>		N. Weatherby
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Catt. Wendy Valentine 'June'</i>		N. Weatherby
Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Unknown</i>		N. Weatherby
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Miltps. Breathless Brilliant</i>		R. Hahn
Intermediate Orchid of the Night	<i>Miltps. Breathless Brilliant</i>		R. Hahn
OPEN			
Paphiopedilum	<i>P. philippinense x P. malipoense</i>		W. Simmons
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Onc. Gorey Castle x (St. Clement x Nicky Straus)</i>		B. Phelan
Dendrobium	<i>Den. unicum</i>		B. Phelan
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Catt. Aqu-Finn 'Nature's Best'</i>		G. Jonas
Vandaceous Hybrid	<i>V. Fuch's Delight x V. Tokyo Blue</i>		L. Gannon
Species	<i>Disa uniflora</i>		R. Korber
Aust. Native hybrid	<i>Sarc. Magic</i>		L. Phelan
Aust. Native Species	<i>Cym. suave 'Vincentia'</i>		J. Clancy
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Masd. Curacao 'Goldie'</i>		R. Korber
Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Cricket</i>		G. Jonas
Open Orchid of the Night	<i>Den. unicum</i> <i>Phal. Unknown</i>		B. Phelan B. Jarman
Species of the Night	<i>Disa uniflora</i>		R. Korber
Hybrid of the Night	<i>Brassia Rex</i>		J. Clarke
Assistant Benching Marshal's Choice	<i>Den. unicum</i>		B. Phelan
Growing Competition Zygonaria hybrid	John Cameron 5pts, Robin Gunter 3pts, Teresa Bourke, Ron Findlater, Barry Jarman, Brian Phelan, Lynne Phelan, Noelene Weatherby 1pt each		

JUDGING RESULTS FOR November 2023

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL—SORRY NO OWNER'S PICS AVAILABLE



Tied Open Orchid of the Night and
Assistant Benching Marshal's
Choice
Den. unicum - B. Phelan



Orchid Species of the Night
Disa uniflora - R. Korber



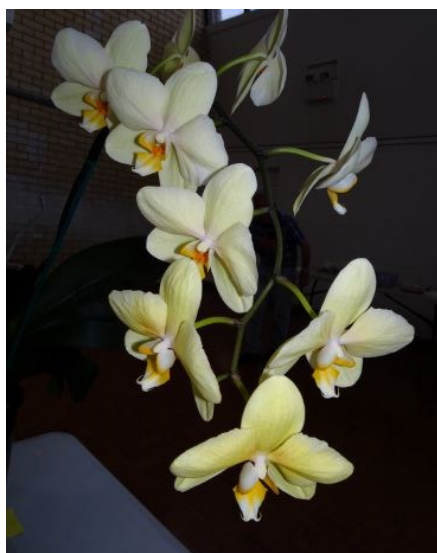
Hybrid of the Night
Brassia Rex - J. Clarke



Tied Open Orchid of the Night
Phal. Unknown B. Jarman



Intermediate Orchid of the Night
Mtnps. Breathless - R. Hahn

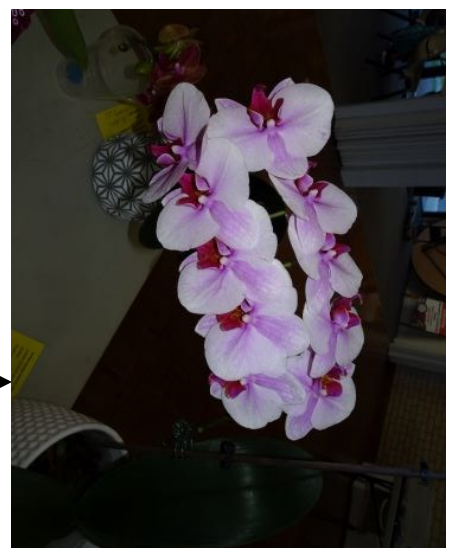


Novice Orchids of the
Night (Tied)

Phal. Unknown
R. Bristow



Phal. Unknown
P. Bell



2023 Shoalhaven Orchid Society
What's On at a Glance

Society Meetings 2023

18th December – Christmas Party

Society Meetings 2024

See calendar on page 7

Our Society Shows 2024

Winter Show -13 July - 9-3

Spring Show - 31 August - 9-3

October Show - 19 October - 9-3



WISH LIST

Stafford Lester would like to obtain the following orchid. If you can help, please call him on **0421329929**; or see him at a meeting.

- *Dendrobium* 'Angellene'

Library: There won't be any library borrowing at the December meeting but members may return books/magazines.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Membership fees are now due:

Membership fees for 2024 are due to be paid by 1 January. Membership remain at **\$30 Family** (members living at the same address), **\$20 Single** and **\$10 Partner of Life Member**. These can be paid to Teresa at a meeting, by post or deposited directly into the society's bank account: **BSB - 062-585; Account No. - 10263191** *Please reference your name so we know who has paid. You must be financial to vote at the AGM.*

Society Polo Shirts

Our Society Polo Shirts can be ordered on-line from Shoalhaven Embroidery.

Please note, the company no longer has a shop in Meroo Rd., Bomaderry.

The shirts are \$29.70 each. To order, please visit the Shoalhaven Embroidery website and follow the prompts.

Growing Competition 2023-24

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.

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

Feb. 2024. Zga. Pine Road x Zygo. Kosciuszko x Zga. Clare Fisher 'Amanda'

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

April. Zga. Pine Road x Zygo. Kosciuszko x Zga. Clare Fisher 'Amanda'

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

June. Zga. Pine Road x Zygo. Kosciuszko x Zga. Clare Fisher 'Amanda'

July *Catt.* Dal's Choice 'Rudak'

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

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

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: Zga. Pine Road x Zygo. Kosciuszko x Zga. Clare Fisher 'Amanda'

REMEMBER...

THERE IS NO MEETING IN JANUARY.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS

MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY, 2024.

This is the Annual General Meeting. Members are asked to consider joining the Committee at the AGM. All positions will be declared vacant and interested members are encouraged to apply. We particularly need a Treasurer and also a Newsletter Editor. Take this opportunity to work closely with other members to help our society meet the needs of its members.

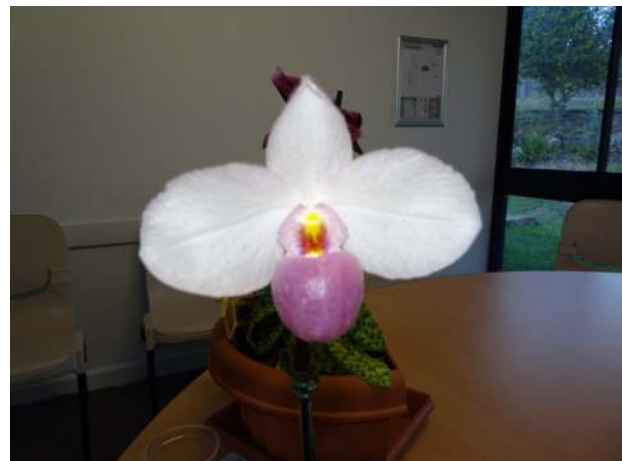
2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY

SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY EVENTS 2024	DATE	TIME	VENUE
FEBRUARY MEETING AGM.	19th February	7pm	Bomaderry Community Centre, 17-19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry
South & West Regional Workshop	Saturday 9 th March Sunday 10 th March	TBA	Nowra Golf Club Fairway Drive, North Nowra
MARCH MEETING: Mini CHARITY AUCTION	18th March	7pm	Bomaderry Community Centre, 17-19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry
APRIL MEETING GUEST SPEAKER: TBA	15 th April	7pm	Bomaderry Community Centre, 17-19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry
MAY MEETING GUEST SPEAKER: TBA	20 th May	7pm	Bomaderry Community Centre, 17-19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry
JUNE MEETING: (Day meeting) GUEST SPEAKER: TBA	Saturday 15th June	10am	Bomaderry Community Centre, 17-19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry
WINTER SHOW	Saturday 13th July	9am-3pm	Bomaderry Community Centre, 17-19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry
JULY MEETING: (Day meeting) GUEST SPEAKER: TBA	Saturday 20th July	10am	Bomaderry Community Centre, 17-19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry
AUGUST MEETING: (Day meeting) MEMBERS PLANT AUCTION	Saturday 17th August	10am	Bomaderry Community Centre, 17-19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry
SPRING SHOW	Saturday 31st August	9am-3pm	Bomaderry Community Centre, 17-19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry
SEPTEMBER MEETING GUEST SPEAKER: TBA	16 th September	7pm	Bomaderry Community Centre, 17-19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry
OCTOBER MEETING Guest Speaker: TBA	21 st October	7pm	Bomaderry Community Centre, 17-19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry
OCTOBER SHOW	Saturday 19th October	9am-3pm	Bomaderry Community Centre, 17-19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry
NOVEMBER MEETING GUEST SPEAKER: TBA	18th November	7pm	Bomaderry Community Centre, 17-19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry
DECEMBER MEETING Christmas Party.	16 th December	7pm	Bomaderry Community Centre, 17-19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry
A complete listing of Shows from around the state is available on the Orchid Society of NSW site.			

ADVANCE NOTICE

South and West Regional Workshop The Shoalhaven Orchid Society is hosting the 2024 regional workshop which is to be held on the weekend of **9th-10th March, 2024**. The Committee has been successful in getting an excellent venue at the **Nowra Golf Club** for the event. There will be orchid vendors and visiting speakers presenting various topics over the two days. The workshops provide an opportunity for members of a number of orchid societies to get together to learn more about orchids, to acquire some new plants and to socialise with others who share a common interest. Further details regarding the program and the cost of registration will be included in your February newsletter.

Save the date!



Sorry, I don't have the owner's names recorded but they did enhance our November benching.

Editor

