

*Cymbidium* Shoalhaven
'Touch of Class

# SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY

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Shoalhaven Orchid Society Inc.

70th ANNIVERSARY 1956 – 2026

## NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2026

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### Next Meeting: Monday 21st September, 2026

**Bomaderry Community Centre. 19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry.**
Room opens at 6.00pm for set up*; benching to be **finished** by 7.00pm, Popular Vote 7.00pm-7.15pm, Novice Corner 7.15pm -7.30pm. Meeting commences at 7.30pm. Many hands make light work.

**Guest Speaker:** Dylan Morrissey talking on Native Orchids of the South Coast

**Novice Corner: j**ohn Clarke will be dividing and repotting a Stanhopea and the plants will form part of our raffle.





**President's Report**

Spring has made a spectacular entrance, and I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful weather we have been having. Our orchids and the garden are certainly showing signs of new growth. It's repotting time for many orchids and don't they just love being in a fresh mix.

I am writing this note a few days before our Spring Show. As I have always said, the Spring Show is my favourite show of the year with many of the Aust. native orchids flowering and most having a beautiful perfume. I hope you have all been preening your orchids in readiness to exhibit. Our society encourages all members particularly our Novice and Intermediate members, to bench their flowering orchids. Thankyou members who have volunteered to help on the day.

The sub-committee for the S/W Regional Show and Conference (2027) met recently and were impressed by the area at the SISC. Much discussion took place. At our August meeting paper slips were handed out for all members to write down their thoughts for a suitable theme for our display. Could everyone please return them to our September meeting as a decision will soon be made.

Our next Bunnings BBQ will be held on Saturday, 10th October. There are still a few vacancies. The roster will be available at the September General Meeting.

We have more pots for sale on our Sales Table with a local resident donating a large number of new pots to our society. I have included more information about this in the Newsletter.

Next meeting we will be having Dylan Morrissey, President of Bateman's Bay Orchid Society talking to us about 'Native Orchids of the South Coast'.

Warm regards,

Louise





| **BENCHING RESULTS** | **Month July** | **Year 2026** |
|---|---|---|
| Class | Orchid Name | Name of Grower |
| | **NOVICE** | |
| Cymbidium | *Cym*. Unknown | F. Flack |
| Laeliinae Alliance | *Laelia* Unknown | F. Flack |
| Australian Native Hybrid/species | *Den*. Australian Black and Green x *Den*. Tooradin 'Massacre' | C. Steele |
| **Novice Orchid of the Night** | ***Laelia* Unknown** | **F. Flack** |
| | **INTERMEDIATE** | |
| Australian native species/hybrid | *Den.* Butter Bright x Herberton Gold | R. Bristow |
| Species orchid | *Dinema polybulbon* | S. Lester |
| Oncidiinae Alliance | *Onc.* Tsiku Marguerite 'Yerring' | S. Lester |
| Miscellaneous Orchid | *Coelogyne* Unchained Melody | R. Wraight |
| **Intermediate Orchid of the Night** | ***Den.* Butter Bright x Herberton Gold** | **R. Bristow** |
| | **OPEN** | |
| Paphiopedilum – species/hybrid | *Paph.* Oto c P. Toby Ho 'Ollie' | M & S Montebello |
| Onciidinae Alliance | *Onc.* Tsiku Marguerite | M & S Montebello |
| Dendrobium – species/hybrid | *Den.* Red Dragon 'Orchid World' | M & S Montebello |
| Laeliinae Alliance | *Catt. (Rlc)* Taiwan Chief Bell | R. Findlater |
| Vandaceous Hybrid | *Phal.* Purple Fantasy | M & S Montebello |
| Species | *Masd. veitchiana* 'Prince de Galle' | M & S Montebello |
| Australian native hybrid | *Den.* Dunokayla | R. Findlater |
| Cymbidium | *Cym.* Kimberly Splash 'Tee Pee' | J. Clarke |
| Miscellaneous orchid | *Coel.* Unchained Melody | W. Lee |
| **Open Orchid of the Night** | ***Catt. (Rlc)* Taiwan Chief Bell** | **R. Findlater** |
| **Species of the Night** | ***Masd. veitchiana* 'Prince de Galle'** | **M & S Montebello** |
| **Hybrid of the Night** | ***Catt. (Rlc)* Taiwan Chief Bell** | **R. Findlater** |
| **Benching Marshal's Choice** | ***Den.* Dunokayla** | **R. Findlater** |
| **Growing Competition** | **5 points Stafford Lester 3 points Noelene Weatherly and 1 Point to Ray Bristow and Ron Findlater .** | |

**Number of plants benched 73**

**Number of seedlings 7** **Best:** *Paph.* Oto c P. Toby Ho 'Ollie' M. & S Montebello



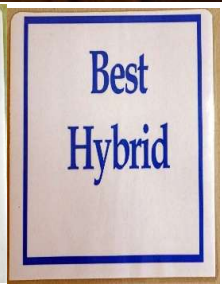

Intermediate
Popular
Vote

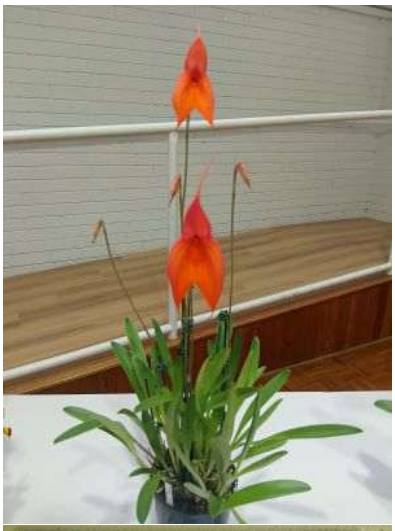

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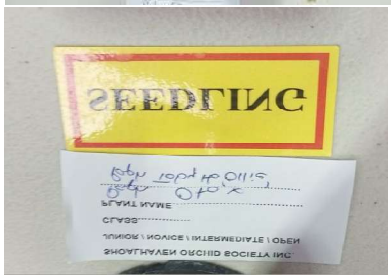

Best
Hybrid








Best
Species


SEEDLING


Benching
Marshal's
Choice

**FREE BENCHING/HANGING MESH**

**We have two lengths of fencing mesh suitable for benches (2400mm x 600mm) and one 2000mm x 1115mm piece of 50mm square mesh suitable for vertical hanging space or benching - free for any member who would like to collect it from Falls Creek. Please contact Brian if you are interested. 0421 242 134**







## ***From The Committee***

### New Member

We warmly welcome Elissa Thompson to our Society as a Novice grower. We hope that she will be made to feel welcomed, and that Elissa enjoys her time with us and learns lots about orchids.

### Bunnings BBQ

We have a BBQ on Saturday October 10th and we are in need of volunteers for the day. Some of our regulars are unable to be there. The roster will be circulated again at the September meeting, but if you are to assist please contact Francoise or through the society email.

# ORCHID POTS

A new resident to the Shoalhaven saw our Spring Show Banner in Nowra recently and rang Francoise to let her know that he had boxes and bags of new orchid pots he no longer wants and would like to donate them to our Society.

They were dropped off to my home where I roughly calculated how many sized pots and quantities there were. This is an extremely generous donation. Sales Table manager, Ron Findlater is now kindly storing them at his home.

I have created a list of sizes and shaped pots for members to look over to see if they would like any. Pots will be on the Sales Table at meetings. As on previous occasions when our society received new pots for free, we put a small token price on them.

| Size Pot | Price | Approx. Quantity on hand |
|---|---|---|
| Round - | | |
| 50mm | 5c | 650 |
| 70mm | 10c | 650 |
| 100mm squat | 15c | 1560 |
| 125mm squat | 20c | 300 |
| 140mm squat | 25c | 200 |
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| Square- | | |
| 65mm | 10c | 400 |
| 80mm | 15c | 600 |
| 100mm | 20c | 250 |

Also donated were a few odd size pots, some small and large clips, 4 seedling trays and orchid stakes.

On hand from a previous donation –

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 150mm squat | 40c | not many left |
| 75mm standard | | many on hand |
| 100mm standard | | many on hand |

Louise

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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 1th September 10.00am

## Society Meetings 2026

**21st September – Dylan Morrissey talking on Native Orchids of the South Coast**

**19th October- TBA**

**16th November- Jan Robinson will be talking about 'propagating Phaius orchids'.**

**15th December – Christmas Party/Presentations**

## Society Shows 2026

**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**

Spring Show 12th – 13th September

**BBOFS**

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

Spring Show 5th – 6th September

Native Show 17th-18th October

**IDOS**

Spring Show 12th September

October Show 24th October

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## 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

**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