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GUEST SPEAKERS

George and Mike's Or-

chid Supplies will be at our February meeting. This is a great opportunity to obtain those orchid needs that are hard to find. Stainless steel cutters, permanent marking pens, Inline fertilizers, UV treated tags, pots, baskets, misters and foggers and all those items that can't be sourced locally. Because of limited space if you require TRAYS please pre order.

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SOCIETY NEWS

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

**The editor notes ...**

Hello members. I hope you had an enjoyable break and that you got to spend some quality time with your precious ones - and your family and friends as well! Another orchid growing year ahead and we look forward to seeing as many members as possible attending meetings and other organised events.

NEXT MEETING Monday 17 February, 7.00pm

Room open at 6.30pm; Benching to be finished by 7.00pm; Novice Corner 7.00 – 7.15pm; Popular Vote 7.15 – 7.30pm; Meeting opens 7.30pm.

GROWING COMPETITION (See note on last page.)

Cym. Lancashire Khan 'Debonair' **AND**

Cym. Joan Bryant 'Keen' **AND** *Cym.* Khanebono 'Jacinta' x Start Angel x Charisma)

NOVICE CORNER

Tonight George or Mike will talk about using fungicides.

IMPORTANT NOTICE—AGM

Tonight is our Annual General Meeting which will commence at 7.30pm. You need to have paid your membership dues to be eligible to vote. If you have not paid please see Treasurer Tom before the meeting starts. Family \$30; Single \$20.

Nomination forms for committee positions need to be given to Secretary Sue by 7.15pm. A nomination form is attached to the Notice of the AGM which is being circulated with this newsletter.

All positions will be declared vacant and all eligible members are encouraged to consider becoming part of the management team to help run the society this year.

NEW MEMBERS A warm welcome to returning member, Julie Williams, and Terry Threfall. Julie and Terry reside in Barraba in NSW and are members of the Tamworth Orchid Society.

THE SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY MEETS ON THE **THIRD MONDAY** OF THE MONTH- at **7.00 PM** IN THE BOMADERRY BOWLING CLUB, 154 MEROO ROAD, BOMADERRY.

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MARCH MEMBERS' ORCHID AUCTION

This year the annual auction in March will be an opportunity for members to sell some of their spare orchids and we will not have donated bric-a-brac items in the auction. It is an excellent opportunity for members to obtain some new plants that are proven to be happy growing in the Shoalhaven. How does it work?

- Each financial member is able to put up to 6 orchids in the auction.
- The plants for auction should contain two (2) labels; one with the name of the plant and the other with the owner's name.
- You can put a reserve price on the plant if you wish by putting the word 'Reserve' and the reserve price on the label. If the bidding doesn't reach the reserve you take your plant home.
- A coloured sticker will be placed on the plant to indicate it has a reserve price.
- Have a list of your orchids ready to give the auctioneer and mark those with a reserve clearly with the reserve price. You may wish to include brief relevant information on the list such as e.g. 'This orchid needs a dry rest in winter', or similar cultural requirements to assist newer members to decide whether they will be able to grow it.
- The Society will take a 10% commission on the sales. Purchases will be cash only on the night.
- All plants offered for sale must be disease and pest free, in a good healthy condition and have been re-potted for at least 3 months.
- There will be no orchid sales on the sales table on auction night.

BUNNINGS BARBEQUE

Our first Bunnings BBQ for the year is coming up on Sunday 22nd March. Please put the date on your calendar and assist if you can. The roster will be filled at the February/March meetings. It is only a couple of hours and the funds raised go towards benefits for members.

CONGRATULATIONS The 2019 annual benching competition was a close competition, particularly in the Open and Novice divisions. Congratulations to **Garry Douglass** who was the most successful Novice exhibitor, **Helen Douglass**, the most successful Intermediate exhibitor and **Brian and Lynne Phelan** who won the Open competition. Many thanks to the members who tallied and recorded results and to Alan Stephenson for photographing the winners at meetings. **Congratulation**, too, to those members who have been elevated to a higher benching section reflecting improved knowledge and orchid culture. **Garry Douglass and John Clarke** will now bench in the **Intermediate Section** and **Helen Douglass** moves to the **Open Section**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Bishops Discount Cards A new discount card will be issued when you renew your membership. Please bring your old card to the meeting to **exchange** it for the new card.



Ho! Ho! Ho!

Guess who dropped in to the December meeting? Everyone must have been good because we all got presents. Thanks, Santa.

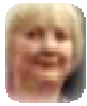
Sandra Ellis received the very well deserved Orchid Society of NSW Meritorious Service Award in recognition for her excellent contribution over many years.

MEMBERSHIP DUES Annual fees are now due: Single \$20 and Family \$30. These must be paid **before the AGM** to be eligible to vote. You can pay at the meeting or by direct debit to the Shoalhaven Orchid Society BSB 062585 Acc. No. 10263191. Please **include your name** we know who has paid.

SOCIETY T-SHIRTS These are available from the Embroidery Shop opposite the Bomaderry Train Station. If you want one it is best to go and try on the shirt as they tend to be a bit on the small size. The cost is \$30.25 each including the orchid embroidery.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR If any member would like to become our newsletter editor please talk to Lynne. You may use whatever publishing program you choose and need not stick to the current format. Various people will provide the content and you have a free hand to put it together. We just need to get the information out to our members in a timely manner.

THUNIAS In October Graham Larkham gave a talk on Thunias and donated a tray of cuttings to the society. Some of these are now 30cm tall and will be distributed at the February meeting. As there is a limited quantity there will be some sort of ballot/lucky dip.



President's Report

Welcome back to all our members for 2020. I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. I use these words hesitantly knowing how harrowing the bushfires have been for us over the past weeks, particularly those who live in our rural areas of the Shoalhaven. It has certainly been a disastrous summer throughout NSW/Australia with lives lost, homes destroyed, livestock and wildlife decimated and also much of our native flora gone as well.

Our meeting on the 17th February, starting at 7.30pm will be our AGM, and all Committee positions will become vacant. Our Secretary, Suzanne Knight, is stepping down after doing a wonderful job over the past 2 years – we will be needing to fill this important position. Please consider nominating for Committee as it is vitally important to the continuing success of our Society.

George and Mike will be attending once again with many of their orchid products. If you would like to buy something specific or large items, like trays etc. please contact them beforehand - contact details in this Newsletter.

A new Aust. native hybrid seedling was added to our Growing Competition at the December meeting. If you missed out, there are still some left, and will be available at the Feb. meeting, for \$7.00 each.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting.
Warm regards,
Louise



The Elusive Champion!

President Louise finally got the opportunity to present Yvonne Young with her trophies for Champion Orchid of the Spring Show and Champion Eugenanthe at the October Show.

Current Life Members Shoalhaven Orchid Society

Mr Stuart Crowther - 1999
Mr Alan Stephenson - 1999
Mr Colin Marstin - 2007
Mr John Webb - 2009
Mrs Lynne Phelan - 2012
Mr Allan Taylor - 2014



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Books To Borrow!

Come & see!!

Robin Gunter

Attendance Book

Members and guests to sign the attendance book.
Required for insurance purposes

Special reminder Re: Newsletter Distribution...If

you know someone who *hasn't received* the monthly SOS Newsletter, please contact Lynne or Suzanne a.s.a.p to have it rectified.

Workshop Novices Corner

Between 7pm and 7.15pm newer growers can speak to experienced grower. **February speaker George or Mike on using fungicides.**

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.

Benching Results for December 2019

Category	Plant	Owner
JUNIOR		
NOVICE		
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Onc. Speckled Spire</i>	Francoise Sikora
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>C. Dal's Good One 'Janelle'</i>	Francoise Sikora
Miscellaneous	<i>Brassavola perrinii</i>	Marie Martin
Novice Orchid of the Night	<i>Onc. Speckled Spire</i>	Francoise Sikora
INTERMEDIATE		
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Onc. Sharry Baby</i>	John Clarke
Intermediate Orchid of the Night	<i>Onc. Sharry Baby</i>	John Clarke
OPEN		
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. lowii</i>	Richard Korber
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Odcdm. Purbeck Gold x Oda. Florence Stirling</i>	Brian Phelan
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Laelia lobata var. alba</i>	Lynne Phelan
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Aridang Blue</i>	Yvonne young
Vandaceous	<i>Angrecum leonis</i>	Alan Stephenson
Species	<i>Den. chrysotoxum</i>	Ron Findlater
Australian native species	<i>Cym. madidum</i>	John Clancy
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Masd. Blazing Wing 'Rich Port'</i>	Brian Phelan
Open Orchid of the Night	<i>Den. chrysotoxum</i>	Ron Findlater
Orchid Species of the Night	<i>Den. chrysotoxum</i>	Ron Findlater
Orchid Hybrid of the Night	<i>Onc. Sharry Baby</i>	John Clarke
Growing Competition	None benched 🙄	
Number of Orchids benched: 33		Attendance: 29

Please note that the annual benching competition runs from December through to November the following year. You can only win points if you bench plants so newer growers are encouraged to bench their flowering orchids at every meeting if possible.

Disclosure: I sometimes make mistakes 😞. If you see an error in the results please let me know and I will amend the points score. Thanks. Lynne

Correction In the December newsletter the name of the new growing competition plant was incomplete. The correct name is: *Den. Australian Obsession 'Purple Paddle Pop' x Den. Starsheen 'Botanic Fireworks'*. Unfortunately this has not been registered; there is no short grex name so it needs to be written in full. These plants were on sale at the December meeting and there are some left. These will be on sale again at the February meeting. Each member is only allowed to

buy one growing competition plant.

That being said, when I repotted my new plant it fell into two pieces. My one, quite robust, little plant was actually two quite modest plants. I'm not sure what the protocol is in that case but I decided to give one of them to Brian as he didn't get one at the meeting. I have to confess, I kept the one with the new growth and he got the one which has yet to 'take off'. **Lynne**

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THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

A very enjoyable Christmas Party and Presentation Night was held at the Shoalhaven Campus of the UOW. The catering staff had done an excellent job. The room and tables were very festive and the dinner and desserts were much enjoyed - especially the latter! The presentations went off very smoothly and everyone seemed very happy with their gift plant - a good selection from Rosella Orchid Nursery (thanks Don) and lots of lucky people left with a lucky door prize. Sandra Ellis was presented with the Orchid Society of NSW Meritorious Service Award in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the society over many years. The prizes and trophies for the annual benching competition were presented. It seemed most members attending were represented in the awards. See the picture supplement accompanying this newsletter for some happy snaps of this most enjoyable event.

ANNUAL SEEDLING COMPETITION

This competition is run over the course of the benching year. Any member who has a seedling orchid in flower can bench it in a special SEEDLING area at a monthly meeting. The best seedling of the night will be photographed and, at the December meeting, these photographs will be displayed and members judge by popular vote their choice for 'Orchid Seedling of the Year'. The winner receives the Seedling Trophy.

Unfortunately this this competition was overlooked in 2019 but we hope to restart it this year so please bring in any seedling/s you have in flower and bench it/them in the SEEDLING area. Please remember, mericlones are not seedlings. A seedling must comprise the whole plant grown from seed and flowering for the first time.

JUDGING RESULTS FOR DECEMBER 2019



Onc. Sharry Baby

John Clarke

Intermediate Popular Vote and Orchid Hybrid of the Night



Onc. Speckled Spire

Francoise Sikora

Novice Popular Vote



Den. chrysotoxum

Ron Findlater

Open Popular Vote and Orchid Species of the Night

Orchid photos courtesy of Alan Stephenson

See page 4 for complete results.



Lots of goodies for many lucky members to win in the raffle

MINUTES OF THE SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING Held on Monday 16 December 2019 at Bomaderry Bowling Club

President Louise Gannon welcomed members and guests to the meeting. Brian Phelan was thanked for taking the Novice group for the night. There were 29 members and one apology.

Apologies: Eti Asplin

The November General Meeting Minutes that were printed in the December Newsletter were moved as correct. Moved: Don Hogan, seconded: Ron Findlater

CORRESPONDENCE: Moved by Suzanne Knight; Seconded by Teresa Bourke.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Moved by Tom Gablonski, seconded by Don Hogan, as presented to the Committee at the December meeting, with a profit of \$2,440.93 for the year.

New/Returning Members: Julie Williams and partner Terry Threfall are returning members.

Christmas and Presentation Night. Thirty two (32) members and guests attended but four members could not attend on the night including Don Raffell who broke his wrist earlier that day by trying to stop a runaway golf ball. Sorry we can't return your dinner money but we can give you a plant each. The caterer Heidi decorated the room beautifully, nice food, great company what else could you ask for!!

A total of \$335 worth of Bishops vouchers were handed out to members as prizes during the presentation. There are two prizes held for members who weren't present, Bede Smythe and Ken Coates. Bede was given his prize at the meeting. Thank you everyone who helped at the Bunnings BBQ on 1 December. The money raised will enable us to do more things for our members.

Three Members were elevated to a higher section – Garry Douglass and John Clarke from Novice to Intermediate and Helen Douglass from Intermediate to Open Section. Congratulations **Sandra Ellis** who was awarded the OSNSW Meritorious Service Medal for her extraordinary service to our Society.

No meeting in January and the FEBRUARY MEETING IS OUR AGM. Members who have not paid their membership for 2020 please pay before the February Meeting commences, in order to be eligible to vote or nominate.

NOMINATION FORMS will be printed in the Newsletter or available on the AGM night for anyone wishing to nominate for a committee position. Nomination forms need to be placed with the Secretary at least 15 minutes before the AGM starts. We need to fill our Editor's position, preferably a member who has computer skills including Microsoft Office and desktop publishing.

Bishops DISCOUNT CARDS should be available at the February meeting.

George and Mike will once again be at the February meeting with all their Orchid products. It would be ideal if you need something in particular to email or phone George well before the night so that he can bring it down for you. Contact details will be in the February Newsletter.

Brian Phelan will manage the Plant Growing Competition. There has not been much interest shown by members over the past year, possibly because the plants were all cymbidiums. Committee have decided to continue with the current cymbidium orchids till the end of next year or if one flowers, and tonight introduce a native dendrobium to the Competition. Francoise was able to buy 30 seedlings of the same

cross while visiting Wayne Turville's nursery in Victoria. The cross is Den. Starsheen 'Botanic Fireworks x Australian Obsession Purple Paddle Pop', and is available tonight for \$7. The more advanced seedlings were offered to the Novices, then Intermediate then Open members.

An email has been received from **ETI ASPLIN** who was our Newsletter editor until fairly recently. Eti wishes all the members a very Happy Christmas and New Year. As you know Eti is receiving ongoing treatment and unfortunately will not be renewing her membership as she concentrates on her health. A Christmas card is circulating tonight to add your best wishes.

Supper After the President met with the BBC Management, they have continued to allow us to bring our suppers into the Club for our meetings up to and including our June 2020 meeting. After this it will be reviewed.

2020 Activities Organised

MARCH meeting will be the **ANNUAL AUCTION** of orchid plants where you are sure to pick up a bargain

APRIL – Daniel Webb talking on 10 WAYS NOT TO KILL PHALAENOPSIS

MAY – an **absolute scoop** with Don Hogan and John Clancy asking Jim Cootes to be our Guest Speaker. Jim is a walking encyclopaedia on Orchids of the Philippines.

JULY – PETER AND JANE D'OLIER - TALKING ON THE ORCHIDS OF NEW GUINEA

SEPTEMBER – MITCH KARNAGHAN TALKING ON AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

Trevor Hughes has been asked to talk on Cymbidiums, Paula Brown on Sarcs and a few others also to give talks.

Society T Shirts are available from the Embroidery Shop opposite the Bomaderry Train Station. If you want one, it is best to go and try on the shirt as they tend to be a bit on the small size. The cost is \$30.25 each including the orchid embroidery.

Apia Insurance approached our Society about having a small promotion table at our 3 shows next year. Our Committee considered this and have approved it. Apia will in return give our Society \$300 for our three shows.

Plants Earlier this year Francoise, Ron and Louise visited elderly members June and Alan Soden who lived at Shoalhaven Heads. As they were both going into aged care they donated their orchids to our members. They were in need of a lot of TLC. Francoise and Louise have been looking after them since and six pieces of Oncidium that were taken off their large plant were included in tonight's raffle.

TONIGHT is the start of the new year for voting on our benched orchids.

Guest speaker for the evening was **PHIL HARRINGTON** showing us how to mount and grow Bromeliads and answering questions on growing them.

SUPPER – Thanks were extended to everyone for bringing in a bit of 'Festive Supper tonight', a lovely touch to the end of the year.

LYNNE PHELAN – gave the results of the benched plants.

LUCKY BADGE DRAW – **Sandra Ellis**

BIG RAFFLE: Thank you everyone for bringing in gifts for our Giant Raffle. Winners for the night were Robin, Teresa, Ron, Richard, Sandra, Garry, Marie, Jenny, John Clarke, Francoise, Phill, Diane, Suzanne, Tom, Louise, Yvonne, John Clancy, Rebecca. Some were lucky winners of multiple prizes!

THANK YOU was extended from President Louise to everyone for a great year working together.

2020 Shoalhaven Orchid Society

What's On at a Glance

Committee Meetings 2020

3 February 2.00pm

Society Meetings 2020

17th February

AGM Guest speakers George and Mike

16th March Members' Plant Auction

20 April

18 May

15 June }

20 July } *Day Meetings*

17 August }

21 September

19 October

16 November

21 December

Society Shows 2020

Winter Show 11-12 July

Spring Show 5-6 September

October Show 24 October

Coming Events

22 March Bunnings barbeque

TBA Possible home visit

2020 Guest Speakers

February - George and Mike's Orchid Supplies

April - Daniel Webb - 10 Ways not to kill a Phalaenopsis

May - Jim Cootes - Orchids of the Phillipines

June - TBA

July - Peter and Jane D'Olier – Orchids of New Guinea

August - TBA

September - Mitch Karnaghan – Australian Natives

October - TBA

November - TBA

December - TBA

SUPPER Tea and coffee is provided by the Club at a cost but the food is provided by members. There is no roster but members are encouraged to bring a plate of goodies to share to a couple of meetings each year. The Committee appreciates those members who contribute regularly and add to the enjoyment of our meetings.

Growing Competition 2020

Note that we will be benching more than one orchid at each meeting so please bring them all in according to the following schedule. If we get another growing comp. plant during the year we will add it to the schedule.

February *Cym.* Lancashire Khan 'Debonair' **and** *Cym.* Joan Bryant 'Keen' **and** *Cym.* Khanebono 'Jacinta' x Start Angel x Charisma)

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October *Cym.* Lancashire Khan 'Debonair' **and** *Cym.* Joan Bryant 'Keen' **and** *Cym.* Khanebono 'Jacinta' x Start Angel x Charisma) **LAST BENCHING**

November *Cym.* Arachnid **and** *Den.* Australian Obsession 'Purple Paddle Pop' x *Den.* Starsheen 'Botanic Fireworks'

December TBA



The committee and members send get well wishes to any member who is on the sick list. We wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you soon.