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NEWSLETTER APRIL 2023



GUEST SPEAKER - Martin Montebello on *Housing for your orchids*. Martin has a wealth of experience in building various structures to meet the needs of different orchid genera so it will be well worth attending this session if you need to create suitable homes for your growing collections.

Brian Shelvey, who was going to speak to us, is not available.

Many thanks to Martin for stepping in.

SOCIETY INFORMATION

VENUE: BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE
19 BIRRILEY STREET, BOMADERRY.

NEXT MEETING Monday 17 April 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.

REMINDER

This year the regional workshop is being hosted by Canberra Orchid Society on 29-30 April.

Registrations close on 14 April.

Guest speakers and vendors are Stephen Stebbings (Orchids on Newbold) and Craig Miles (Orchids of Distinction).

Further details and the registration form are available on the OSC website.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Hello Members

I hope your new growing competition plant and your treasures from the March charity auction are settling in nicely. Your generosity with the bidding was amazing. Many of the orchids on offer were flowering size so you may be rewarded for your generosity in the coming months. Please be aware that you cannot bench your orchid until you have owned it for 6 months but you can bench it in the 'Not for judging' section. **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

Daylight Saving is over and you really notice the days are getting shorter, particularly at night when you were once eating dinner in daylight and now it's dark outside. Nevertheless, the days of Autumn are still nice.

Last month's Charity Auction was a great success with \$1360 raised by members. This money will all go to the Salt Ministries who help homeless men and women in the local area. Many thanks to members who donated their orchids for the auction and also the members who bought the orchids. It was an enjoyable night with Wayne Simmons being our great auctioneer and great teamwork from our helpers.

Our latest Growing Competition seedling – a *Zyga*. (Pine Road x *Z. Kosciusko*) x *Zga*. Clare Fisher 'Amanda', was available for purchase at \$5 each at our last meeting. Unfortunately, they were a little knocked about and very damp, so I hope everyone who purchased one has now repotted their orchid.

At our April meeting we will need definite numbers as to who will be attending our SOS & MUOS get-together at the Phelans' home and then luncheon at Club Jervis Bay (R.S.L.) at Huskisson on the 7th May. More information on this special day will be circulated with this Newsletter.

It was nice to see Don Hogan back with us at the last meeting after his recent illness. Don has not let grass grow under his feet as he has just ordered a nice lot of raffle seedlings from Rosella Orchids.

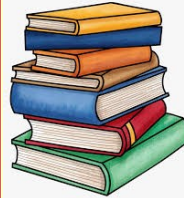
Noelene Weatherby has kindly accepted a new role created by Committee to help new members settle in. New members, please seek Noelene out for friendly advice.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

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. **April: Martin Montebello** will be there to answer your questions and provide guidance on matters concerning orchid housing.

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.

NEW GROWING COMPETITION ORCHID

Members were able to purchase a new growing competition plant at the March meeting, (*Zga.* Pine Road x *Z.* Kosciusko) x *Zga.* Clare Fisher 'Amanda'.

Zga. = *Zygonaria*; *Z.* = *Zygopetalum*. There are still some available for purchase (\$5.00) at the April meeting.

The *Zygopetalum* genus consists of around 20 species of orchid, native to the humid forests of South America. They are mostly terrestrial and are known for their scented, waxy flowers. These long-lived blooms can be patterned in hues of green, purple, burgundy and chocolate.

The following information is provided on *The Cultivation of Zygopetalums* by Alan Hope

Cultural Requirements:

Zygopetalums prefer a cool, moist environment, similar to that enjoyed by cymbidiums. An open potting mix of well-weathered medium size pine bark is suitable, as is also any well draining and open cymbidium mix.

While *Zygopetalums* tolerate low temperatures they appreciate some protection from the cold, wet days of winter. Provide a covering and keep the plants on the dry side over winter, as this approximates the rest period (time of least growth) in their natural habitat.

Zygopetalums require bright light (50% shade cloth) but not strong sunshine, otherwise their leaves will burn. They also do well in an open, airy position, which reflects their natural epiphytic habit, growing either on tree branches or attached to ferns. They should be watered well during their active growth period in summer and appreciate small and frequent applications of liquid fertiliser.

The full article *The Cultivation of Zygopetalums* by Alan Hope is available on the Orchid Societies Council of Victoria ([OSCOV](http://www.oscov.org.au)) Website along with another article by Brian Milligan in the *Articles and Resources* section. The advise on water requirements is especially useful.

Lynne

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The logo for Bishops features the word "BISHOPS" in a bold, red, serif font with a green leaf-like graphic above the letter 'S'. Below it, the tagline "EVERYTHING FOR PLANTS & ANIMALS" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. The logo is set within a white oval with a green border.

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Benching Results - March 2023

BENCHING RESULTS		Month	Year
Class	Orchid Name		Name of Grower
JUNIOR Orchid			
NOVICE			
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Onc. Unknown</i>	J. Cameron	
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>L. speciosa</i> 'Henriette'	R. Gunter	
Species	<i>Paph. spicerianum</i>	R. Gunter	
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Phal. Unknown</i>	B. Jarman	
Novice Orchid of the Night	<i>Paph. spicerianum</i>	R. Gunter	
INTERMEDIATE			
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Onc. Frans Nymph</i> 'Scarlet'	N. Weatherby	
Species orchid	<i>Laelia bowringiana</i>	N. Weatherby	
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Rlc. Mem. Floyd Irwin</i> 'Hsinying'	N. Weatherby	
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Stenoglottis</i> 'Big Pink'	J. Harriman	
Intermediate Orchid of the Night	<i>Laelia bowringiana</i>	N. Weatherby	
OPEN			
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. dianthum</i>	M&S Montebello	
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Onc. Tigersun</i> <i>Onc. Devon Flash</i> x <i>Beenak</i> 'Brilliance'	B. Phelan B. Phelan	
Dendrobium	<i>Den. densiflorum</i> x <i>D. griffithianum</i>	J. Clarke	
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Pot. Hsinying</i> 'Pink Doll' x <i>C. Hsinying</i>	F. Sikora	
Vandaceous Hybrid	<i>Phal. Unknown</i>	G. Jonas	
Species	<i>Prosthechea fragrans</i>	D, Hogan	
Aust. Native Species	<i>Den. lichenastrum</i>	J. Clancy	
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Masd. Red Flamingo</i> x <i>Masd. Stripendous</i>	B. Phelan	
Open Orchid of the Night	<i>Den. densiflorum</i> x <i>griffithianum</i>	J. Clarke	
Species of the Night	<i>Paph. spicerianum</i>	R. Gunter	
Hybrid of the Night	<i>Paph. Jogjae</i>	W. Simmons	
Benching Marshal's Choice	<i>Catt. Roebling</i> 'Beechview'	G. Jonas	
Growing Competition L. anceps	5pts F. Sikora, 3pts Y. Young , 1pt. Each J. Cameron, L. Gannon, B. Phelan, L. Phelan, D. Slye, J. Clarke, R. Hahn .		
Seedlings benched	<i>Catt. Hawaiian Wedding Song</i> x <i>Joanne J. Clancy</i> ; <i>Rlc. Deception Reign</i> 'Monaco' M&S Montebello		

JUDGING RESULTS FOR March 2023

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL



Novice Popular Vote Winner
Robin G. Best Species of Night

Novice Popular Vote and Orchid Species of the Night
Paph. spicerianum 'Tinonee' x *P. spicerianum* 'Goliath'
Robin Gunter



Equal 1st Open Winner
Dend. densiflorum x *griffithianum*
John C.

Equal Open Popular Vote
Den. Densiflorum x *D. griffithianum* - John Clarke



Benching Marshal's
Choice
Catt. Roebling
'Beechview'

Vanda unknown.
Equal 1st Open Pop. Vote
Gary J

Equal Open Popular Vote and Benching Marshal's Choice
Paph. Unknown and *Cattleya Roebling* 'Beechview' - Gary Jonas



Intermediate Popular Choice.
Laelia bowringiana 'Guarianthe'
Noelene W.

Intermediate Popular Vote
(Was *Laelia*, was *Guarianthe*, now)
Cattleya bowringiana - Noelene Weatherby

SPOTTED ON THE BENCHES IN MARCH



Cattleya Roebling 'Beechview' This lovely cattleya benched by Gary Jonas is a beautiful primary hybrid* cross of *Cattleya gaskelliana* and *Laelia** purpurata*. The large light blue-white flowers have a nice fragrance and an indigo blue tubular coloured lip. *C. gaskelliana* is native to Venezuela and *C. purpurata* is native to Brazil. Both are epiphytes. *C. gaskelliana* is found at altitudes to about 1,000m while *C. purpurata* grows in coastal areas. The combination means the hybrid is tolerant of a wide range of conditions and can be grown cool to warm.

* A primary hybrid is a cross between two species.

** This is now *Cattleya purpurata*.



Robin Gunter's lovely species paphiopedilum is the result of line breeding. From the name you can see that one plant of **Paph. spicerianum** with a different clone of *spicerianum*. Presumably the hybridiser was hoping that, by choosing two good but different clones of the species s/he might end up with something that was even better than each of the parents. I don't know if that was the result in this case but it is certainly a lovely orchid. Because both parents were *P. spicerianum* it retains its species status.



Den. (Dockrillia) lichenastrum was benched by John Clancy. This wonderful little Aussie miniature grows on trees and shady rocks in open forests or rainforests. They have very small creeping rhizomes which form a dense mat over the surface of the substrate. It should be mounted on cork or a tree-fern slab or something similar. It can be grown vertically on a mount or horizontally on a raft. I find the latter way help retain moisture around the roots. They can take heavy watering with occasional very weak fertiliser in the growing season but cease fertilising and reduce watering in the winter. Autumn is the main flowering period but they can flower at other times of the year.



Paph. Jogjae was benched by Wayne Simmons and was chosen as Hybrid of the Night. This lovely old hybrid was made in 1927. It is a cross of *Paph. glaucophyllum* x *Paph. glanduliferum*. It is a "primary hybrid" because it is a cross between two species.

GROWING COMPETITION

Our **Laelia anceps** growing competition plants are coming along nicely (Right) but members were very surprised and

(I think) a bit jealous to see a long spike on Louise's orchid.

Our competition for this plant finishes when it flowers so it was timely to receive the new *Zygonaria* hybrid at the March meeting. Some of these plants were a bit damaged in transit so, if you bought one, you are advised to re-pot it as soon as you

can into your preferred mix and give it some TLC until it re-establishes. As soon as we hear that the *L. anceps* has flowered the roster for benching the growing competition plants will change so keep an eye on the back page of the newsletter and try to remember to bring you plant in each month. The person who flowers the competition plant first is not necessarily the winner as the points total is cumulative and you earn a point just for benching you plant.



REMINDER - OSNSW Judging Panel's – Orchid Appreciation Course- Online

The course will be delivered via Zoom by local Judges from various NSW AOC judges. Knowledgeable growers in specified fields will also be invited to present. Notes and AOC judging books will be supplied to participants.

An introduction to this Orchid Appreciation Workshop will be via digital Zoom session on the 14th of May starting at 7.00pm. The practical appreciation portion of the Workshop will be organised by the local panel.

Participation in the course will incur a \$50.00 cost payable to the orchid society of NSW.

The course will cover around 30 related topics and, consequently will extend over 2 years. Subsequent sessions will be on the 1st Sunday of each month except no sessions in December or January. The sessions will be recorded and will be made available for review by the participants, Participants who cannot be present for the initial presentation it may be repeated at a later date or viewed off line as appropriate.



Please feel free to contact Ian Chalmers for further information:

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Yvonne Young receives the Award of merit (AM) granted to her champion sarcochilus benched at the 2022 October Show, *Sarc. Kulnura Dazzel x Sarc. Bunyip*. Apologies for the blurry photo; our photographer was otherwise occupied at the time. Lynne



2023 Shoalhaven Orchid Society

What's On at a Glance

Society Meetings 2023

17th April– Martin Montebello– Orchid Housing
15th May - Ron Boyd - Paphiopedilums
Saturday Day Meetings 10am – 1pm
17th June – Gary Hodder
15th July – TBA
19th August- Members Plant Auction
18th Sept – Deflasking Demonstration
16th October - David Brooks on Sarcocilus
20th November- Jan Robinson
18th December – Christmas Party

Society Shows 2023

SOS Inc. Winter Show Saturday 8th July
SOS Inc. Spring Show Saturday 2nd September
SOS Inc. October Show Saturday 21st October

Society Coming Events

Combined SOS and MUOS Event. Sunday 7 May 10-12noon. Visit to the Phelan's orchid houses and a special presentation by guest speaker, native orchid specialist, Jeanne Dunne. More information is included in an additional document.

Bus Trip – August- St Ives Orchid Fair
(Depending on numbers)

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.

Native Orchid Walk- TBA

Potting Day– date TBA

South-West Regional Show - Cobargo

30th September - 1st October

Other Society Shows

MUOS

Winter Show 1st - 2nd July

Spring Show 9th - 10th September

BBOFS

Winter Show 15th - 16th July

Spring Show 2nd - 3rd September

Native Show 21st – 22nd October

IDOS

Winter Show 1st - 2nd July

Spring Show 9th - 10th September

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.

March. *Laelia anceps* 'Wallbrunn' x *L. anceps* 'Rosminah'.

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

May. *Zga.* Pine Road x *Zygo.* Kosciuszko x *Zga.* Clare Fisher 'Amanda' **First benching.**

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

July. *Laelia anceps* 'Wallbrunn' x *L. anceps* 'Rosminah'

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

September. *Laelia anceps* 'Wallbrunn' x *L. anceps* 'Rosminah'

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

November. *Laelia anceps* 'Wallbrunn' x *L. anceps* 'Rosminah' **"Last Benching"**

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

ORCHID EVENTS

Collectors Plant Fair - 15th - 16th April

Orchids Out West - 26th -28th May (New venue)

Mingara Orchid Fair and Show 24-25 June

St Ives Orchid Fair - 18th – 20th August

Paphiopedilum and Cymbidium Show, Yagoona - 11th – 13th August

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

Australian Native Orchid Show Revesby—TBA

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.**