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President's Report

This is my first President's Report and I would like to thank all of our Committee Members – Sandra, Suzanne, Tom, Lynne, Brian, Phil, Ron, Françoise, Di, John and Don. I know I will enjoy working with you all as a team and together we can do a lot of good work with support from the members. What a great start to the May Meeting with Brian giving our first Novice Corner talk. We will continue to have these 15 minute get-togethers prior to the judging of the benched orchids.

Thank you Lynne and Brian for your fascinating talk on the Eric Young Orchid Foundation on the island of Jersey. I have never heard of it before, but I can see it would be a fabulous place to visit.

A few changes have been made to the procedures at the monthly meetings. The Minutes in this Newsletter will explain more.

Our Winter Show is fast approaching and I hope you have plenty of spikes showing. Next meeting we will have 4 of our Open growers talking about all aspects of preparing your orchids for the Show.

Just found out today the Bomaderry Bowling Club have allowed us to have **Day Meetings – June, July & August** – same day (3rd Monday of the month) but with the meeting starting at 1pm. This should assist all our members who live in rural areas.

Lots of shows coming up everywhere for you to enjoy. When attending these and other events I find it helpful to take a little notebook to write down the names of orchids I like. You never know when or where you just might find one of them for sale.

Warm regards,
Louise

SOCIETY NEWS

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



Hi members, Lots of new things this month. Please take note of **Winter schedule for meetings**, Novice's Corner. Watch out for Members Wish List ... **Note** Show Schedule; Supplement; Plant registration & Show Posters are being sent out with *this newsletter*, as separate attachment.

Blessings, *Eti*

Next Committee meeting Due -
at Bomaderry Bowling Club - *Thurs 6th June*

Growing Comp June

Cym.Khanebono 'jacinta' x (star Angel x Spring Charisma) 'Kirsty'

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

June Guest Speakers

Talk from **SOS Open Members** - Preparing Orchids for Shows - *Potting, grooming the plant and staking, labelling, transporting and staging and taking any questions we may have for them to share*

Winter Schedule THE SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY MEETS ON THE **THIRD MONDAY OF June, July & August** - at **1 PM** IN THE BOMADERRY BOWLING CLUB, 154 MEROO ROAD, BOMADERRY.
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Member's Wish List

Just can't find that plant you'd like?? *Email Eti* (see front page for address) with ...

Your Name, Phone number & plant name

and I will add it to this place in our newsletter.

2019 CALENDAR

See back page for the Year

What's on at a Glance

Attendance - 35 members, 2 visitors, 2 apologies.

Life Members

Shoalhaven Orchid Society

*Mrs N.Rodway - **First Life Member** (Dec)*

Mr Dan O'Brien - 1962 (Dec)

Mr John Apperley - 1971 (Dec)

Mrs Amy Morton - 1972 (Dec)

Mr Fred. Morton - 1972 (Dec)

Mrs Nada Watts - 1976 (Dec)

Mrs Edith Crowford - 1983 (Dec)

Mr Eric Crowford - 1983 (Dec)

Mrs Dulcie Gray - 1986 (Dec)

Mr John Gray - 1986 (Dec)

Mr Alf Grady - 1996 (Dec)

Mr Stuart Crowther - 1999

Mr Alan Stephenson - 1999

Mr Ian. Morschel - 2005 (Dec)

Mr Colin Marstin - 2007

Mr John Webb - 2009

Mr Tom Newing - 2010 (Dec)

Mrs Lynne Phelan - 2012

Mr Allan Taylor - 2014



Workshop Novices Corner

Opportunity **between 1pm and 1.15pm** for newer growers to speak to an experience grower. **June speaker is John**

Clancy, talking on *Mounting Australian Native Orchids*. If you have an orchid question or a plant you would like some advice on (please bring it in plastic bag if you suspect it has a disease or pest problem) you can meet with the experienced grower, who will be introduced by the President.. There is no such thing as a '*dumb orchid question*'! We all had to learn from scratch, so please don't hesitate to ask for advice



Laelia anceps Disciplinata x Ultimo

Orchid Essay Competition

The Australian Orchid Foundation holds an annual essay writing competition with generous prizes of 1st - \$350, 2nd - \$250, 3rd - \$150. This year the topic is ***How do my orchids survive while I'm away from home?*** The deadline for receipt of entries is 30 June, 2019. It must original, must not exceed 4,000 words and may include art work or images.

Further information available from our Secretary, Suzanne, at the meeting or go to the AOF website

EXTRA REMINDER

Winter Day SOS Meetings
for

June, 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.

SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY

May General Meeting Minutes

Held at the Bomaderry Bowling Club, Meroo
Road, Bomaderry
Monday 20 May 2019 AT 7.45 pm

MEETING OPENED at 7.45 pm

WELCOME by PRESIDENT

President Louise Gannon opened the meeting, and welcomed all members and visitors. Brian Phelan was thanked for taking the Novice Corner for tonight.

APOLOGIES: Don Hogan, Colin Marstin

ACCEPTANCE of the MINUTES

Minutes of the March General Meeting were accepted as read. Moved: Robin Gunter, seconded Diane Slye.

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on Monday 29 April 2019 were accepted as read. Moved John Clancy, seconded Lynne Phelan.

BUSINESS ARISING: (from the previous minutes) - nil

CORRESPONDENCE: (Secretary's report)

Moved Françoise Sikora, seconded Diane Slye that the correspondence be accepted as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Moved Françoise Sikora, seconded Valerie Starling that the report presented by Treasurer Tom Gablonski be accepted. Tom advised that he has investigated the cost of printed receipt books and has also purchased a personalized stamp for the Society – costs for stamp and envelopes (\$71.30) to be reimbursed. The purchase of the printed receipt books to be discussed at committee.

COMMITTEE REPORT

President Louise Gannon reported on the first meeting of the new Committee which was held earlier this month. It went for three long hours with a lot discussed.

One of our main concerns is the amount of expenditure that has taken place of the last year up to the AGM in February. We are spending more than what we are getting in income.

One item that was included in this was for Show Rosettes and Ribbons. The amount which covered this year's Shows and some place ribbons for next year came to \$984. The money has already been paid but the ribbon company has accepted a new order from our Society which has changed the rosettes to sashes and altered the quantity of place ribbons. The new cost is less than half of the \$984. Our Society will endeavour to have the balance returned or more than likely have a credit for next year.

Our Committee is committed to reigning in our spending.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The dates previously mentioned for Bunnings BBQs are apparently non-existent. We have phoned and been down to Bunnings and they say no dates are allocated past the end of June. We must apply for the dates we would like but no guarantees. We will keep following this up.

Thanks were extended to Mick Bodycott for the time he spent on our previous Committee Mick was a valued member of our Committee and always contributed with considered opinions. Mick has started his own business and cannot attend Committee Meetings but hopefully we will see him, his wife and young family at future general meetings.

Benching of our Orchids on meeting night is still the same with members still voting for the orchids that they like in the different classes, resulting in the Popular Vote.

The Plant of the Night is now divided into two classes: Plant of the Night – Species, and Plant of the Night – Hybrid. This will be judged by a senior member.

The Growing Competition has changed from tonight, with all plants being judged together. A first and second place will be given.

When allocating future Growing Plant seedlings we will continue to give Novice members the more advanced seedlings and then intermediate and then Open members.

The Committee has decided not to give certificates each month, no laminated photos etc. Instead benching results and photos will be in the Newsletter and points accumulated until the end of the year for Presentation Night.

We want to get back to talking about how we grow our orchids, and the ways to grow them better.

Our raffle plants tonight are not small seedlings, but established plants and can be easily grown in a shade house. We will try to continue to source similar reasonably sized plants and our Society would appreciate any donations of quality plants from Open members. Please contact the President or a Committee Member.

Thanks were extended to Lynne for getting the new benching system up and running and also to Eti, Suzanne and Lynne for collating information for the Newsletter.

Thanks were extended to Françoise for volunteering to help the Novice and New Members, and to Ron and Phil for looking after the Sales Table.

Our Winter Show will be held on 13 and 14 July 2019. Show Schedules and information will be emailed or mailed soon.

Alan Stephenson is off to Government House tomorrow to receive his OAM, which was awarded for his work in Conservation and Horticulture.

TONIGHT'S TALK: Brian and Lynne Phelan were the Guest Speakers talking about their visit to the Eric Young Orchid Foundation on the Island of Jersey. Thanks were extended for the most

interesting presentation and a small gift was presented.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS? Members from the floor can raise issues

A number of members have asked whether we could bring back **Day Meetings** over the months of June, Jul and August. The day meeting would be held at the Bomaderry Bowling Club starting at 1.00 pm on the same date we currently meet – i.e. the third Monday of each month. A show of hands was requested, with 24 voting or the change and 4 against it. The majority are in favour. The Bowling Club have been asked to confirm this option but as at today this has not been confirmed. Check the Newsletter to find out the latest!

Marie Martin made a request for the introduction of a Wish List option to be included in the Newsletter – for example, where can I get a particular type of Orchid? After discussion this was agreed and Eti will include it in the Newsletter.

NEW MEMBERS. Two new members, Jenny Butterfield and Millie Rupa, were given their welcome package and orchids.

PRODUCT SAFETY TALK – There was no product safety talk this evening.

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. Sandra Ellis was the winner this month.

BENCHED ORCHIDS RESULTS

Novice Popular Vote – John Clarke Phalaenopsis
Intermediate Popular Vote – Helen Douglass
Open Popular Vote – Louise Gannon
Plant of the Night: Species – Lynne Phelan
Plant of the Night: Hybrid – Louise Gannon
Cattleya

RAFFLE

The following people won raffle prizes:

John Clarke, Therese Bourke, Robin Gunter, Frank Bowyer, Tom Gablonski, Alan Stephenson, Brian Walker

NEXT MEETING

At the next meeting we will be having some of our Open Class growers talking about how to prepare our orchids for Shows. The Novice Corner will be available for any new members requiring assistance.

The details for the meeting will be notified in the Newsletter, as it could possibly change to a daytime meeting, to be held at Bomaderry Bowling Club. Remember to keep Monday 17 June available for the meeting.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.45 pm

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.

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.

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

The Society

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BENCHING RESULTS FOR MAY 2019

*Apologies to the owners of these plants. My first night on the job and I missed some names. Please let me know if you are the owner and I will add your points. Thanks Lynne Phone 44478280, or email phelan.landb@gmail.com



Category	Plant	Owner
JUNIOR		
NOVICE		
Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Unknown</i>	Garry Douglass
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Beallara</i> Marfitch 'Howard's Dream'	Garry Douglass
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Laelia anceps</i>	Bede Smythe
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Unknown	John Clarke
Novice Orchid of the Night	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Unknown	John Clarke
INTERMEDIATE		
Species orchid	<i>Dendrochilum cobbianum</i>	Helen Douglass
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Bakerara</i> Sea Snake 'Unforgettable'	Helen Douglass
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Cattleya</i> Unknown	Helen Douglass
Intermediate/ miniature Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Unknown</i>	Helen Douglass
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Zygopetalum</i> Unknown	Helen Douglass
Intermediate Orchid of the Night	<i>Dendrochilum cobbianum</i>	Helen Douglass
OPEN		
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. Yign</i> Golden Slipper	Richard Korber
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Milt.</i> Red Knight 'The King'	Brian & Lynne Phelan
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> (Little Princess x. Kuranda Classic)	*
Laeliinae Alliance up to 80mm	<i>Lc.</i> Little Susie 'Joy'	Louise Gannon
Laeliinae Alliance over 80mm	<i>C.</i> Portiata 'Mel' x <i>C.</i> Hawaiian Wedding	Bob Turnbull
Species	<i>Laelia anceps</i> Disciplinata x <i>L. anceps</i> Ultimo	Brian & Lynne Phelan
Australian native hybrid	<i>Den. speciosum</i> 'Moon Glow'	Bob Turnbull
Australian native species	<i>Dendrobium bigibbum</i>	Brian & Lynne Phelan
Intermediate/ Miniature Cymbidium	<i>Cym.</i> Morialta 'Morialta Falls'	Louise Gannon
Terrestrial orchid	<i>Diplodium revolutum</i>	Alan Stephenson
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Zygoneria</i> Adelaide Meadows x <i>Zygobaptista</i> Beenak Jester x <i>Z.</i> Artur Elle	*
Open Orchid of the Night	<i>Lc.</i> Little Susie 'Joy'	Louise Gannon
Orchid Species of the Night	<i>Dendrobium bigibbum</i>	Brian & Lynne Phelan
Orchid Hybrid of the Night	<i>Lc.</i> Little Susie 'Joy' 6	Louise Gannon

Winners from Benching May 2019
60 plants benched

Orchid Species of the Night



Den. bigibbum
Brian and Lynne Phelan

Popular Vote Intermediate
Orchid of the Night



Dendrochilum cobbianum
Helen Douglas

Popular Vote Open Orchid of the Night
and
Orchid Hybrid of the Night



Lc. Little Susie
Louise Gannon

Popular Vote Novice Orchid of the Night



Phalaenopsis Unknown
John Clarke

LYNNE'S HINTS FOR STAGING YOUR ORCHID

Staging is another name for 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.



Orchid Society Winter Show

12th July -14th July

Your show schedule and other information is attached with this newsletter email. Please read everything carefully and note that **benching starts at 3.00 pm on Friday 12th** 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. *Note that raffle booklets are not being posted out so please be sure to get your booklet at the June meeting.*

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

2019 Shoalhaven Orchid Society

What's On at a Glance

Growing Competition 2019

Committee Meetings 2019

6th June
8th July
12th August
9th September
14th October
11th November
9th December

Society Meetings 2019

17th June
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

Mingara Orchid Fair and Show

Mingara Recreation Club
Tumbi Umbi
Sat. 29 June 9am – 4 pm
Sun. 30 June 9am – 3 pm.
21 vendors



June - Cym.Khanebono 'jacinta' x (star Angel x Spring Charisma) 'Kirsty'

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..

2019 Guest Speakers for your Calendar

June - Open class growers - Preparing orchids for shows
July - TBA
August - Peter Stubbs on Orchids of Borneo
September - Gerry Welsh - The Rock Lilly Man
October - Graham Larkham on Thunisia Marshalliana
November - TBA

