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Cymbidium Shoalhaven

'Touch of Class'

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2022

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Hello Members

What an enjoyable meeting we had last month. Richard Korber gave a very interesting presentation on *Dendrobium speciosum*, explaining the regional variations and why we should look for line bred plants to obtain better quality flowers. He also showed us some of the many different *Dendrochilum* species he grows and talked about their culture.

And, of course, the auction. I hope other members were as happy with their purchases as I was and the amount raised for the local charity, SAHSSI, was very gratifying. Well done generous donors and buyers. Lynne



SOCIETY INFORMATION

VENUE: BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE
19 BIRRILEY STREET, BOMADERRY.



NEXT MEETING ** Back to evening

meetings Monday 19 September 7.00pm

Meeting room is 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.

* Many hands make for a quick set up/pack up.



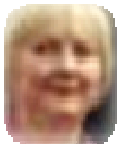
Our best wishes to any members who are on the sick list. We hope you will soon be back with us. We miss you!

GUEST SPEAKER - We are delighted to welcome back **Mitch Kernaghan** who will speak to us about **Australian Native Orchids**. Last time Mitch visited he had some tubular mounts for sale and will be bringing some more. ***Could members who bought one please bring it in to show us how they have used it.***

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

Well done members with our Spring Show being a great success. Thankyou members who exhibited orchids in the show with all the plants combining well to make a spectacular display. Our judges were very impressed with

the quality of the orchids exhibited. Congratulations to the Champion winners especially Richard Korber who won the Champion Orchid of the Show with Den. speciosum 'Natstar Best 2004', closely followed by our Reserve Champion, Ron Findlater with Den. Donokayla.

How about that beautiful Den. speciosum of Bede Smythe's. So good in fact, that the judges are submitting it for a Cultural Award. I am sure many visitors took photos of this amazing specimen orchid. Spring is a great time of year when many Australian natives are in flower and it certainly has been a great flowering year for them.

There would be no show if it wasn't for the constant efforts of our committee and hard-working members. Thankyou so much Don Hogan, our Benching Marshal, Lynne and Brian Phelan, Francoise, Di, Val, Ron, Richard and John Clarke just to name a few. I can't possibly name everyone here, but I hope you know how grateful we all are of your efforts. Once again, our Sales Table sold out before the days end.

Our Bunnings BBQ went extremely well with \$2472.49 being raised. Organisers Sandra and Yvonne have the BBQ running like clockwork, with nothing left to chance. Thankyou everyone who worked on the day. Upstairs we had a Society promotion table between 10am and 2pm with flyers given out and many questions answered.

Last month's Charity Auction in aid of a Nowra women's refuge raised \$860 for this very needy and worthwhile cause.

Thankyou members who donated plants, members who bought them and to all the workers on the night.

There are plenty of shows around at the moment and it is a great opportunity to visit them and see what new crossings there are on show or for sale. Take along a small note pad and write down the names of any orchids you like. You just may see them for sale somewhere.

The weather is starting to get warmer at long last and it is a great time to start repotting.

See you all at the next meeting with Mitch Kernaghan who will be both our Novice and Guest Speaker for the evening.

Warm regards,

Louise

ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE

- The Roving Day will not be rescheduled for this year due to the unfavourable ground conditions at members' houses.
- With the success of the Winter Show and Spring Show, the Committee has decided to keep the shows for next year as 1 day shows and thus allowing us to stay at Bomaderry Community Centre which works very well for the Society.
- Committee has opted to keep the growing competition plant Laelia anceps 'Wallbrunn' x L. anceps 'Rosminah' going for another year as most plants are still quite small. A new growing competition plant is still to be sourced and should be available in December.

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
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. **September : Our guest speaker, Mitch, will explain how to repot a *Dendrobium speciosum*.**

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. Treasurer Tom has the new cards.

Australian Native Cymbidiums

Three cymbidium species are native to Australia: *Cymbidium canaliculatum*, *Cym. madidum* and *Cym. suave*. They grow on trees but, rather than attaching to the trunk or branch, they find a knot or hollow and their roots penetrate the rotten heartwood of the tree.

Cym. canaliculatum is found across the northern parts of Australia, mostly west of the Great Diving Range. It is adapted to a tropical climate so can withstand a prolonged dry season and has thick, leathery leaves with a V-shape to effectively channel any available dew or moisture towards the roots. Its flowers are quite small and they can be plain or patterned in shades from green to almost black.



Cym. madidum prefers more humidity and moisture so it is found east of the Divide along the Queensland coast into northern NSW. It has huge pseudo-bulbs and makes really long, arching spikes of yellow to green flowers. It also thrives growing in the base of elk or staghorns as the one on the banksia in our yard at Falls Creek.



Cym. suave extends furthest south along the coast to southern NSW and is the coolest growing of the three species. It can form massive clumps in the forks of trees. It doesn't have pseudobulbs like the other two but has leafy canes that do not store much moisture so it needs a fairly constant supply of moisture.



Lynne Phelan

References. The Australian Species Cymbidiums by Julian and Frances Coker. Pictures of *C. canaliculatum* and *C. suave* from the internet.

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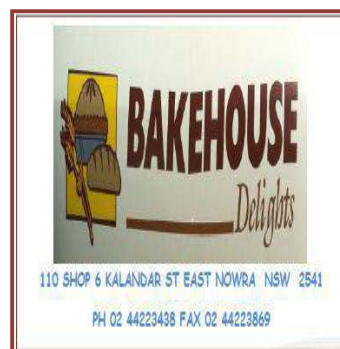
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Benching Results - AUGUST 2022

| Category | Plant | Owner |
|---|---|--------------------------|
| JUNIOR | | |
| NOVICE | | |
| Cymbidium | <i>Cym. Ruby Pendant 'Red Cascade'</i> | J. Cameron |
| Oncidiinae Alliance | <i>Pusr. Chian-Tzy Lovely C. T. Goldmine</i> | D. Slye |
| Australian Native hybrid/species | <i>Den. Ellen</i> | F. Shiel |
| Miscellaneous orchid | <i>Zygo. Adelaide Meadows x Z. Beenak Jester x Z. Artur Elle</i> | D. Slye |
| Novice Orchid of the Night | <i>Zygo. Adelaide Meadows x Z. Beenak Jester x Z. Artur Elle</i> | D. Slye |
| INTERMEDIATE | | |
| Australian Native hybrid/species | <i>Dock. teretifolia</i> | J. Clarke |
| Cymbidium | <i>Cym. Lunara High x C. Lunara Blaze</i> | J. Clarke |
| Miscellaneous orchid | <i>Masd. Antizanal x M. coccinea</i> | J. Clarke |
| Intermediate Orchid of the Night | <i>}Den. Australian Artist }</i> <i>}Cym. Lunara High x C. Lunara Blaze }</i> | J. Harriman J. Clarke |
| OPEN | | |
| Paphiopedilum | <i>Paph. Invincible</i> | D. Hogan |
| Oncidiinae Alliance | <i>Odm. Augres x Odm. pescatorei (nobile)</i> | B. Phelan |
| Laeliinae Alliance | <i>L. purpurata 'Ruby' x Catt. Marie's Song</i> | L. Gannon |
| Species | <i>Dendrochilum wenzellii</i> | K. Coates |
| Aust. Native Hybrid | <i>Den. Jombok</i> | R. Korber |
| Aust. Native species | <i>Den. teretifolia</i> | L. Phelan |
| Cymbidium | <i>Cym. Valley Regent x C. Minikin 'Purple'</i> | L. Gannon |
| Miscellaneous Orchid | <i>Coelogyne Intermedia</i> | K. Coates |
| Open Orchid of the Night | <i>Den. speciosum National White x Windemere</i> | R. Korber |
| Orchid Species of the Night | <i>Den. speciosum National White x Den. speciosum Windemere</i> | R. Korber |
| Orchid Hybrid of the Night | <i>Coelogyne Intermedia</i> | K. Coates |
| Benching Marshal's Choice | <i>Den. speciosum National White x Windemere</i> | R. Korber |
| Growing Competition | 1st J. Clarke, 2nd Y. Young, 1 point to J. Cameron, S. Ellis, B. Phelan, L. Phelan, | |

Popular Vote Reminder All plants benched must have a benching card with the name of the orchid on the front and the owner's name on the back. To avoid benching delays, **please fill in the cards before you come to the meeting.** The template or supplies of the benching card are available from Francoise. **Note** – for the Growing Competition there is no need to write the name of the orchid; just put your name on the back. You will still need to have your name on a tag in the pot.

JUDGING RESULTS FOR AUGUST 2022

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL



Orchid Hybrid of the Night
Coelogyne Intermedia
Ken Coates



Intermediate Orchid of the Night (Tie)
Cym. Lunara High x C. Lunara Blaze
John Clarke



Novice Orchid of the Night
Zygo. Adelaide Meadows x Z. Beenak
Jester x Z. Artur Elle
Di Slye



Intermediate Orchid of the Night(Tie)
***Den. Australian Artist* ¶**
John Harriman

AUGUST 2022 JUDGING CONTINUED

Orchid Species of the Night,
Open Orchid of the Night
and Benching Marshal's Choice
Den. speciosum National White x
Windemere
Richard Korber

Many thanks to Yvonne
Young for all of the
photos in this newsletter



Den. speciosum 'National White' x 'Windemere'
Best specimen, Open Pop Vote . Benching Marshals choice.
Richard K.

ALSO ON THE BENCHES



Masdevallia Blazing Wing 'Rich Port'
Brian P.



Dendrochilum wenzellii sp. Ken C.



Paph. Invincible.
Don H.

Paphiopedilum



Moona Moona (Mooney) Creek Orchid Walk 24 September

Weather and track conditions permitting, Brian and Lynne Phelan will lead a walk around Mooney Creek on 24 September starting at the Moona Moona Creek carpark at 10.00am. The small carpark is located on the left hand side of the road just before the bridge coming from Huskisson. (the red arrow) If the carpark is full there is parking space on the opposite side of the road.

Take care as this is a busy stretch of road.

The walk only takes about an hour. It is level and mostly on sandy ground. If members felt like it we could adjourn to the picnic tables in White Sands Park (the black arrow) afterwards for morning tea - BYO - or use the coffee shop opposite.

As part of the track is a swamp after rain the walk will be cancelled if we find it isn't suitable when we do a reconnaissance a few days before. In

this case, an email will be sent on the Thursday or Friday prior. If you don't have an email, please ring the Phelans on 44478280 to check whether it is on.



Some of the workers who sizzled sausages, etc. on Saturday 27 August.



Many thanks to all the members who worked on the Bunnings barbeque or promotions table to raise funds for the society and promote our Spring show. A great team effort.



2022 Shoalhaven Orchid Society

Society Meetings 2022

19th September Guest speaker **Mitch Kernaghan** on Australian Native Orchids

17th October **Gavin Curtis** on Callista Dendrobiums

21st November Guest speaker **David Brooks** on Cymbidiums

19th December TBA

Society Shows 2022

SOS Inc. October Show Saturday 22nd October

Society Coming Events

Native Orchid Walk - Sept. 24th Details page 7.

Potting Day – October 15th at Ron Findlater's

Other Orchid Events

Australian Native Orchid Show Revesby 11th Sept.

MUOS Native Show 8 October, Civic Centre
Southern Orchid Spectacular Oct. 7-9, Sutherland.

Growing Competition 2022

Please try to find and bring your growing competition plant each month. If you group them with a distinctive coloured label they are easy to find.

NOTE: The benching schedule has changed as some of the growing comp. plants flowered.

September *Rlc. Dal's Ambition 'Tara' x C. Aloha Case 'Ching Hua'*

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

November. *Rlc. Dal's Ambition 'Tara' x C. Aloha Case 'Ching Hua'*

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

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.**



It was very nice to catch up with members Julie Williams and Terry Threfall with Brian and Lynne Phelan.

WANTED

Empty Moccona coffee jars, any size.
Please save for Don Hogan. He will collect them at the October meeting as he will not be at the September meeting.

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS The Society warmly welcomes new members: Pat Bell from Worring Heights, Jane Byrne from Bangalee and Wayne Lee from Bomaderry. We hope that you find your fellow members friendly and helpful and that you enjoy your time in our society.



2022 SPRING ORCHID SHOW RESULTS

CHAMPION ORCHID OF THE SHOW

Den. speciosum 'Natstar Best 2004' R. Korber

RESERVE CHAMPION OF THE SHOW

Den. Dunokayla R. Findlater

CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM

Cym. Cariad Plush F. Sikora

CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN NATIVE / NATIVE HYBRID

Den. speciosum 'Natstar Best 2004' R. Korber

CHAMPION ONCIDIINAEE HYBRID

Oda. Murray River B. Phelan

CHAMPION SPECIES ORCHID OTHER THAN NATIVE

Paph. venustum x Sib W. Simmons

CHAMPION ANY OTHER ORCHID

Coelogyne Unchained Melody J. Clarke

CHAMPION VANDACEOUS HYBRID

Phal. Golden Treasure R. Korber

CHAMPION LAELIINAE HYBRID

Rlc. Taiwan Chief Bell R. Findlater

CHAMPION PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRID

Paph. Raisin Eyes x P. sukhakulii 'Susan' W. Simmons

CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE ORCHID

Den. speciosum grandiflorum 'Kroombit' x
Den. Yondi Tina 'Gold Rush' B. Smythe

CHAMPION NOVICE ORCHID

Den. kingianum F. Shiel

6. DENDROBIUM - exotic - hardcane/softcane

No entries

7. ONCIDIINAEE ALLIANCE - over 70 mm

1st. Oda. Shelley Anne 'Amerthyst Drops' B. Phelan
2nd. Vuylstekeara Carnivale B. Phelan

8. ONCIDIINAEE ALLIANCE - 70 mm or under

1st. Oda. Murray River B. Phelan
2nd. Oncostele Kalkarstern B. Phelan

9. VANDACEOUS HYBRID

1st Phal. Golden Treasure R. Korber

10. SPECIES - Americas

1st. Maxillaria picta Y. Young
2nd. Soph. coccinea B. Phelan

11. SPECIES - not elsewhere specified

1st. Dendrochilum niveum R. Korber
2nd. Coelogyne flaccida Y. Young

11a. PAPHIOPEDILUM SPECIES

1st. Paph. venustum x Sib W. Simmons
2nd. Paph. venustum alba 'Werri' HCC/AOC W. Simmons

12. PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRID

1st. Paph. Raisin Eyes x P. sukhakulii 'Susan' W. Simmons
2nd. Paph. Invincible D. Hogan

13. ANY OTHER HYBRID - American

1st. Masd. Peppermint Glow B. Phelan
2nd. Masd. Blazing Wing B. Phelan

14. ANY OTHER HYBRID - not elsewhere specified

1st. Coel. Unchained Melody D. Hogan
2nd. Coel. Unchained Melody alba D. Hogan

15. DENDROBIUM - kingianum

1st. Den. kingianum R. Korber
2nd. Den. kingianum D. Hogan

16. DENDROBIUM - speciosum

1st. Den. speciosum 'Natstar Best 2004' R. Korber
2nd. Den. speciosum grandiflorum R. Findlater

17. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID - pink or red

1st. Den. Flinders x Australian Rhubarb Pie R. Findlater
2nd. Den. Burgundy Bride x Delicatum R. Findlater

18. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID - yellow, cream or green

1st. Den. Dunokayla R. Findlater
2nd. Den. Unknown L. Gannon

19. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES - white or any other colour

1st. Den. kingianum 'Bungan Castle' Y. Young
2nd. Dockrillia Jiggi J. Clancy

OPEN SECTION

1. CYMBIDIUM - Standard - over 90 mm

No entries

2. CYMBIDIUM - Intermediate - 60 to 90 mm

1st. Cym. Kiwi Midnight 'Geyserland' R. Findlater
2nd. Cym. Avant Garde L. Gannon

3. CYMBIDIUM - Miniature - under 60 mm

1st. Cym. Vogelsong x C. Dr Baker L. Gannon
2nd. Cym. Avant Garde L. Gannon

4. LAELIINAE HYBRID - over 80 mm

1st. L. purpurata 'Ruby' x Lc. Maris Song L. Gannon

5. LAELIINAE HYBRID - 80 mm or under

1st. Rlc. Taiwan Chief Bell R. Findlater
2nd. Sergorara Yokosuka x Epi. Rene Marques x
Rlc. Free Spirit L. Gannon

20. SARCANTHINAE - species

1st. Sarc. falcatus L. Gannon
 2nd. Sarc. Falcatus L. Phelan

21. SARCANTHINAE - hybrid

No entries

22. NATIVE AUSTRALIAN SPECIES-not elsewhere specified

1st. Den. teretifolium J. Clancy
 2nd. Den. aemulum 'Big Fella' x 'Mile Wide' J. Clancy

23. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE TERRESTRIAL - species / hybrid

No entries

INTERMEDIATE SECTION**24. CYMBIDIUM - Standard**

1st. Cym. Dural Dream 'Supreme' x J. Clarke
 C. Pepper Blaze 'Fire Stick'
 2nd. Cym. Valley Splash 'Awesome' F. Sikora

25. CYMBIDIUM - Intermediate

1st. Cym. Shoalhaven 'Touch of Class' R. Hahn
 2nd. Cym. Beauty Therapy 'Late Gold' B. Smythe

26. CYMBIDIUM - Miniature

1st. Cym. Cariad Plush F. Sikora
 2nd. Cym. Mem. Marvin Gaye 'Royale' F. Sikora

27. LAELIINAE HYBRID

No entries

28. DENDROBIUM - hardcane/softcane

1st. No Entries

29. ONCIDIINAE HYBRID

1st. Onc. Twinkle F. Sikora

30. PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRID

No entries'

31. VANDACEOUS HYBRID

1st. Phal. Unknown R. Hahn

32. ANY OTHER HYBRID

1st. Coel. Unchained Melody J. Clarke
 2nd. Coel. Unchained Melody alba F. Sikora

33. SPECIES ORCHID other than native

No entries

34. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES

1st. Den. speciosum R. Hahn

35. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID

1st. Den speciosum grandiflorum 'Kroombit' x B. Smythe
 Den. Yondi Tina 'Gold Rush'
 2nd. Den. Kayla 'Daylight Moon' J. Clarke

36. SARCANTHINAE - species / hybrid

1st. No Entries

NOVICE SECTION**37. CYMBIDIUM - Standard**

No entries

38. CYMBIDIUM - intermediate

No entries

39. CYMBIDIUM - Miniature

No entries

40. ONCIDIINAE HYBRID

No entries

41. LAELIINAE HYBRID

No entries

42. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES

1st. Den. kingianum F. Shiel
 2nd. Sarc. Falcatus D. Slye

43. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID

1stDen. Candy x Den Lustrous x Den. Candice F. Shiel

44. ANY OTHER HYBRID

1st. Epi. Lilac Queen D. Slye
 2nd. Zygo. Artur Elle x Adelaide Meadows D. Slye

45. SPECIES OTHER THAN NATIVE

1st. Maxillaria cucullata D. Slye

JUNIOR SECTION**46. Any Other Orchid -species or hybrid**

No entries

FERNS & FOLIAGE SECTION**47. FERNS**

1st. Caterpillar Fern D. Hogan
 2nd. Maidenhair Fern D. Slye

48. FOLIAGE PLANTS including Anthurium

1st. Begonia D. Hogan
 2nd. Syngonium podophyllum 'Red Flame' D. Hogan

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS**49. BEST SPECIMEN ORCHID**

Den speciosum grandiflorum 'Kroombit' x B. Smythe
 Den. Yondi Tina 'Gold Rush'

50. BEST SEEDLING

Oda. National Mint x Oda. Avatar B Phelan

Photos from the Spring Show will be in the October newsletter except...



Bede Smyth's superb *Den. speciosum*. A truly magnificent show stopper. Well done, Bede.