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NEWSLETTER MARCH 2024

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Next Meeting: Monday 18TH March Bomaderry Community Centre 19 Birriley Street Bomaderry
Room opens at 6.30pm for set up*; benching to be **finished** by 7.00pm; Novice Corner 7.00-7.15pm; Popular Vote 7.15-7.30pm. Meeting commences at 7.30pm.

* Many hands make light work.

Guest Speaker: Question and Answer Session. Members are invited to come along with their orchid related questions and some of our more experienced growers will endeavour to help you find an answer. If you have a plant that you are worried about you can bring it along but if you suspect it has a disease problem, please have it bagged in a clear plastic bag.

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. **Topic for March: *Dividing and repotting a Cattleya.***

From the Ex-editor: Many thanks to Wayne for volunteering to wear the editor's hat. It will be a collaborative effort for a while so you may experience some changes in format. Apologies to our generous sponsors. You will be reinstated. Please be tolerant while we get it sorted but please let the editor know if you notice an error. Lynne

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President's Report

Both Summer and the AGM are behind us now and we look forward to the unfolding months ahead.

I would again like to thank Teresa, our Treasurer in 2023, for doing a great job. Our Secretary, Françoise, is our interim Treasurer until another member steps forward.

Holding two Executive positions is not ideal and I urge members to please consider accepting the Treasurer's role.

Sandra has stepped down from the Vice President's role but will remain on Committee. A previous president, Martin Montebello has filled the Vice President's position while his wife Sue and Stafford Lester have joined committee. I wholeheartedly thank our on-going members for staying on Committee. We have all worked well together in progressing our Society and we welcome our new members to committee. We look forward to working with you all.

At the time of writing my report, the South and West Regional Workshop is only a few days away. We have 60 attendees registered, 17 from our Society. With great guest speakers and vendors it should be a very successful event. As you can imagine a lot of work has been done by committee and members behind the scenes and I sincerely thank you all for your efforts.

I would like to thank Sandra and Yvonne, our Bunnings BBQ organisers. Together they worked brilliantly. They have both decided it's time to 'pass the tongs' to another member/s. Please consider as the BBQs are such an important avenue for our society to generate income from which we all benefit. Our volunteer members do a great job helping on the day over the 3 shifts.

And lastly, the joy on Lynne's face could not be understated when Wayne Lee volunteered to be our new Newsletter Editor. It has been a long time coming and we thank you so much Wayne. The Newsletter plays an important role in keeping members well informed and connected to our wonderful society.

The March meeting will be a Question and Answer night so please have a think about some questions you would like to ask our knowledgeable members.

Warm regards,

Louise

2024 Committee L to R

Ron Findlater, John Clancy, John Clarke, Stafford Lester, Sandra Ellis, Martin Montebello, Sue Montebello, Val Starling, Françoise Sikora, Louise Gannon.



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Society News

Membership Dues. These are now overdue. Membership dues for 2024 were due to be paid by 1 January. Membership dues remain at **\$30 Family, \$20 Single** and **\$10 Partner of Life Member**. These can be paid at a meeting, by post or deposited directly into the society's bank account: **BSB - 062-585; Account No. - 10263191** *Please reference your name so we know who has paid.* This will be your last newsletter if you have not renewed your membership.

Winner of the 2023 Seedling Competition. Congratulations to John Clancy who benched the winning seedling: *Paph. callosum var. potentianum*. Well done, John. Members are reminded to put a SEEDLING TICKET on your benched seedlings to allow the photographer to identify them. Remember, mericlones are not seedlings. Those of you who were at the February meeting might have had a look at the pot full of tiny, tiny *Disa* seedlings that Richard Korber has germinated. It might be some years before we see whether there is a grand champion among them but we wish Richard good luck. An article on seedlings has recently been added to the society website.

Club Get-together. There will be a joint club get together with Milton/Ulladulla on Saturday 27th April at Bruce and Michelle McIntosh's home at Ulladulla. Lunch will be at a local club and a Guest Speaker to be announced. Further details to come.

Potting Club Some members will remember Stuart Crowther's Potting Club. It was a great way to get new and different orchids into your collection. It is going to be re-introduced. Watch this space!



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



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BENCHING RESULTS		Month February	Year 2024
Class	Orchid Name	Name of Grower	
NOVICE			
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Milt. Anne Warne 'Jerry's Pick'</i>	Frances Flack	
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Phal. Unknown</i>	R. Bristow	
Novice Orchid of the Night	<i>Phal. Unknown</i>	R. Bristow	
INTERMEDIATE			
Paphiopedilum	No entries		
Dendrobium	No entries		
Australian native species/hybrid	No entries		
Species orchid	<i>Coelogyne tormentosa</i>	W. Lee	
Oncidiinae Alliance	No entries		
Laeliinae Alliance	No entries		
Cymbidium	No entries		
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Zygo. Artur Elle 'Essendon'</i>	W. Lee	
Intermediate Orchid of the Night	<i>Coelogyne tormentosa</i>	W. Lee	
OPEN			
Paphiopedilum – species/hybrid	<i>Paph. Nathaniel's Clarity</i>	M & S Montebello	
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Onc. Phoenix Way x Phoenix March</i>	B. Phelan	
Dendrobium – species/hybrid	<i>Den. densiflorum</i>	J. Clarke	
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>C. Chocolate Drop 'Garcia'4N x C. interglossa</i>	L. Gannon	
Vandaceous Hybrid	<i>Phal. Big Foot</i>	M & S Montebello	
Species	<i>Pleurothallis pubescens</i>	R. Korber	
Australian native hybrid	No entries		
Australian native species	<i>Den. bigibbum</i>	R. Korber	
Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Golden Elf</i>	L. Phelan	
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Paphinia Majestic</i>	B. Phelan	
Open Orchid of the Night	<i>Paphinia Majestic</i>	B. Phelan	
Species of the Night	<i>Den. densiflorum</i>	J. Clarke	
Hybrid of the Night	<i>Phal. Big Foot</i>	M & S Montebello	
Assistant Benching Marshal's Choice	<i>Coelogyne uncatum</i>	W. Lee	
Growing Competition	1st J. Cameron; 2nd M de Launey; 1 point P de Launey, B. Phelan, L. Phelan		
Number of plants benched 30	Number of Growing comp. plants 5		

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2024 Annual General Meeting

Held at Bomaderry Community Centre on Monday 19th February 2024

President Louise Gannon opened the meeting at 7.25 pm and welcomed members and guests.

Louise reminded everyone to sign the Attendance Book, Social Distance, use hand sanitiser when required and lastly you must be financial to nominate or vote.

Apologies were received from Ken and Sharyon Wynn, B. Smythe, Noelene Weatherby, Gary Jonas, Bruce Mitchell and Lyn McDonald.

Minutes of 2023 AGM as displayed on the notice board and previously distributed to members were accepted as accurate.

Moved: Martin De Launey and Seconded: by Ron Findlater.

President's Report for 2023 was presented by Louise Gannon and is attached.

Moved: Louise Gannon and Seconded: by Anne-Marie Collins that the report be accepted.

Treasurer's Report, Annual Financial Statement was read by Treasurer Teresa Bourke and displayed on the noticeboard. Also displayed on the notice Board is the Auditors report.

Moved: Teresa Bourke and Seconded: Wayne Simmons that the report and Annual Financial Statement be accepted as presented.

Returning Officer was appointed – Wayne Simmons.

Wayne thanked all the outgoing 2023 Committee members for a year well done.

Wayne then declared all positions vacant and called for nominations. The following nominations were received, and results shown.

Name	Position Nominated	Result
Louise Gannon	President	Elected unopposed
Martin Montebello	Vice President	Elected unopposed
Vacant	Treasurer	
Francoise Sikora	Secretary	Elected unopposed
Sandra Ellis	Committee	Elected unopposed
Val Starling	Committee	Elected unopposed
Sue Montebello	Committee	Elected unopposed
Ron Findlater	Committee	Elected unopposed
John Clancy	Committee	Elected unopposed
John Clarke	Committee	Elected unopposed
Stafford Lester	Committee	Elected unopposed
Vacant	Committee	
Wayne Lee	Newsletter Editor	Appointed
Diane Slye	Public Officer	Appointed
Sandra Ellis	WHS Officer	Appointed
Vacant	First Aid Officer	
Robin Gunter	Librarian	Appointed
Noelene Weatherby	Auditor	Appointed
Vacant	Show Secretary	
Brian Phelan	Show Marshal	Appointed



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2023 Treasurer Teresa Bourke name to be removed as Bank signatory and electronic banking. President; Louise Gannon, and Secretary; Francoise Sikora will act as signatories on the bank account for 2024. Both signatures are required on the bank account.

Bank Account details are CBA – 062 585, account number 1026 3191.

Account Name: Shoalhaven Orchid Society Incorporated

Moved: Stafford Lester and Seconded: Val Starling that the President, and Secretary act as signatories.

A12 Form (Annual Summary of Financial Affairs) to be submitted to the Department of Fair Trading, and that the Public Officer Diane Slye will sign and submit.

The Returning Officer, Wayne Simmons, congratulated the incoming Committee, thanked everyone for their participation and declared the 2024 AGM closed at 7.47pm.

President



Hybrid Orchid of the Night
Phal. Big Foot
Martin & Sue Montebello



Species Orchid of the Night
Den. densiflorum
John Clarke

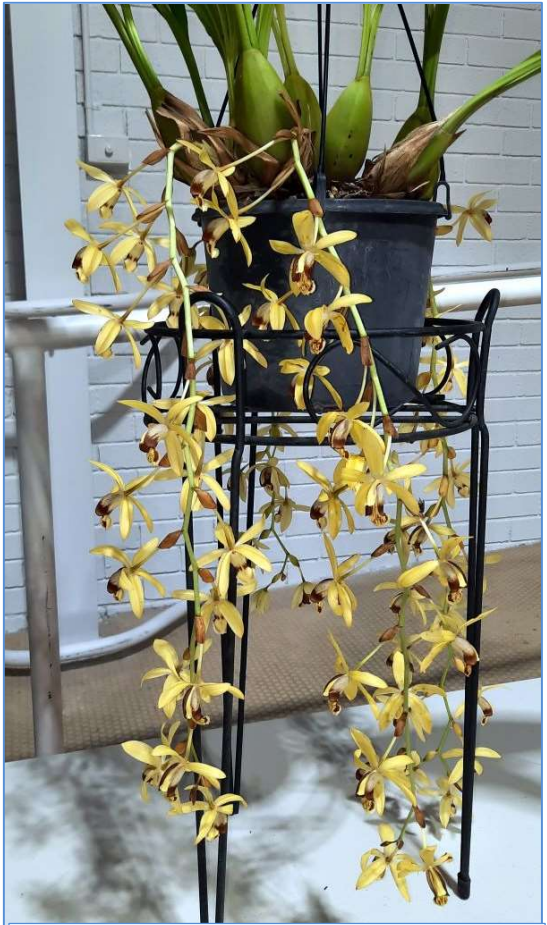
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FEBRUARY POPULAR VOTE WINNERS



**Novice Popular Vote *Paph. Unknown*
Ray Bristow**



**Intermediate Popular Vote
Coelogyne tormentosa.
Wayne Lee**



**Open Popular Vote *Paphinia Majestic*
Brian Phelan**



**Assistant Benching Marshal's Choice
Coelogyne uncatum
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What's On at a Glance

Committee Meetings 2024

TBA 1.00pm

Society Meetings 2024

18th March - Question and Answer session.

15th April – **Jane Wright** on Catasetum Orchids

20th May -Mini Charity Auction

Saturday Day Meetings 10am – 1pm

15th June Gary Hodder Orchids for New Growers

20th July Jan Robinson Water Well or Not So Well

17th August- Members Auction (to be confirmed)

16th Sept TBA

21st October - TBA

18th November - TBA

16th December - Christmas Party/Presentations

Society Events/Shows

9 - 10 March South & West Regional Workshop

27 April Club Get-together with Milton-Ulladulla

13 July Winter Show - 9am -3pm

31 August Spring Show - 9am -3pm

19 October October Show - 9am -3pm

Native Orchid Walk- TBA

Potting Day- TBA

Winter Show 6th – 7th July

Spring Show 7th - 8th September

2024 Orchid Events

Collectors Plant Fair - 13th - 14th April Hawkesbury Race Club Clarendon

Orchids Out West – 17th-19th May Hawkesbury Showground Clarendon

Mingara Orchid Fair and Show 29th-30th June.

St Ives Orchid Fair - TBA

Paphiopedilum and Cymbidium Show TBA

Orchids Central, Club Condell Park 4 - 6th October

Australian Native Orchid Show Revesby TBA

Growing Competition 2024

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

April. Zga. Pine Road x Zygo. Kosciuszko x Zga. Clare Fisher 'Amanda'

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

June. Zga. Pine Road x Zygo. Kosciuszko x Zga. Clare Fisher 'Amanda'

July *Catt.* Dal's Choice 'Rudak'

August. Zga. Pine Road x Zygo. Kosciuszko x Zga. Clare Fisher 'Amanda'

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

October. Zga. Pine Road x Zygo. Kosciuszko x Zga. Clare Fisher 'Amanda'

November. *Catt.* (Rlc.) Brunswick Gem 'Coral' x *Catt.* Dal's Choice 'Rudak' **LAST BENCHING**

December: Zga. Pine Road x Zygo. Kosciuszko x Zga. Clare Fisher 'Amanda'

Other Society Shows

MUOS

Winter Show 6th – 7th July

Spring Show 7th - 8th September

BBOFS

Winter Show 13th - 14th July

Spring Show 31st August – 1st September

Native Show 19th-20th October

IDOS

Winter Show 6th – 7th July

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