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NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2025

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Next Meeting Saturday day meeting 16th 10am-1pm.

Bomaderry Community Centre. 19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry.

Room opens at 9.00am for set up*; benching to be **finished** by 10.00am; Popular Vote 10.00-10.15am; Novice Corner 10.15-10.30am. Meeting commences at 10.30am. * Many hands make light work to set up and pack up.

Guest Speaker: Ken Coates-talking about growing orchids in cold climates.

Novice Corner: Richard Korber - discussing "how to prepare for Spring"



President's Report

I might be mistaken but I feel the days are getting a fraction warmer or is it just wishful thinking!

Spring Shows are always special with many orchids flowering well at this time of year especially the Australian native orchids, each with their distinctive perfume. I am looking forward to seeing a beautiful display of our member's orchids at our Spring Show which is fast approaching – 30th August with set up on Fri. 29th August. Please read all the show info that is available, so that you are familiar with the procedures. Volunteers are needed to fill the roster for the day. The roster will be available at our next Saturday Meeting (16th August) – our last Saturday meeting of the year.

Orchid Shows are popping up everywhere now. If you are able, you may like to attend other society's shows, especially our neighbouring societies of Milton/Ulladulla and Illawarra (info. on back page). The OSNSW website provides a calendar of shows throughout NSW if you would like a day trip or are out and about travelling.

Congratulations to Lynne Phelan for flowering her Growing Comp. plant Den. Phena's Charm 'Genesis' x Spec. Moonmere. This orchid has now been retired from the competition. We have one orchid remaining in the Comp. — Sarcochilus Bunyip 'Dark Horizon' x Kulnura Bliss 'Orange Ring'. We will continue with this orchid until it flowers. Thankyou Ray Bristow for managing the Growing Comp.

Our society is taking part in the Southwest Regional Show and Conference being held in Canberra on the weekend of 20th – 21st September with setting up on Friday 19th Sept. Eight of our members will be attending from set-up to pull down. We look forward to taking member's orchid plants and ferns down to Canberra to exhibit in our display or placed on the bench. Our team have worked hard in designing a display with the theme 'Musicals Stage and Screen'. Two years ago, the Regional show was in Cobargo where our Society won the trophy for the best display.

Our Society are having a Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 28th September. A roster will be available at our August meeting.

We wish Sharyon Wynn all the best in her move to Queensland. We all enjoyed the friendship of both Sharyon and her late husband Ken and appreciate the work and involvement that they both gave to our society. We will miss their beautiful Cymbidium orchids that quite often won prizes at our shows.

Looking forward to our visit from member Ken Coates and his wife Leonie at our August meeting. Ken will be our Guest Speaker talking about growing orchids in cold climates.

Warm regards,

Louise



BENCHING RESULTS Month JULY Year 2025				
NOVICE				
Cymbidium	Cym. Jean Siskel 'Lucy'	J. Cameron		
Oncidium Alliance	Onc. Unknown'	C. Steel		
Australian native hybrid/species	Den. Hilda Poxon	S. Lester		
Species Novice Orchid of the	Paph. insigne	C. Steel		
Night	Cym. Jean Siskel 'Lucy' INTERMEDIATE	J. Cameron		
Dendrobium	Den. Rutherford Starburst 'Tinonee'	R. Bristow		
Australian native hybrid/species	Dock. (Australian Ginger x convoluta x mortii) 'Watermelon' x Dock. teretifolia	S. Ellis		
Laeliinae Alliance	Catt. Unknown	R. Bristow		
Cymbidium	Cym. Unknown	R. Bristow		
Intermediate Orchid of the Night	Cym. Unknown	R. Bristow		
	OPEN			
Paphiopedilum – species/hybrid	Paph. Nitens	M & S Montebello		
Oncidiinae Alliance	Onc. Tsiku Marguerite	M & S Montebello		
Dendrobium	Den. Lianna Pink Stripe orchid World	M & S Montebello		
Laeliinae Alliance	Rlc. Jinn Feng 'Classical'	L. Gannon		
Vandaceous Hybrid	Phal. Kirei Pink	M & S Montebello		
Species	Soph. cernua	B. Phelan		
Australian native hybrid	Den. Jonathan's Glory 'Dark Joy'	L. Phelan		
Cymbidium	Cym. Darch Dots 'Dazzler'	L. Gannon		
Miscellaneous orchid	Masd. Peach Fuzz	M & S Montebello		
Open Orchid of the Night	Rlc. Jinn Feng 'Classical'	L. Gannon		
Species of the Night	Soph. cernua	B. Phelan		
Hybrid of the Night	Rlc. Jinn Feng 'Classical'	L. Gannon		
Assistant/ Benching Marshal's Choice	Dock. (Australian Ginger x convoluta x mortii) 'Watermelon' x Dock. teretifolia	S. Ellis		
Growing Competition 5 points Stafford Lester; 3 points Ron Findlater; 1 point each Martin de Launey, Sandra Ellis, Richard Korber, Lynne Phelan, Noelene Weatherly, and Colleen Steele.				
Number of plants ben	ched 50 Number of Growing comp. plants	8 Seedlings 4		







2025 WINTER SHOW RESULTS

CHAMPION ORCHID OF THE SHOW

Den. Yaya Victoria M. & S. Montebello

RESERVE CHAMPION ORCHID OF THE SHOW

Paph. Montebello's Delight Ho M. & S. Montebello

CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM

Cym. Khan Fury 'Glisten' x C. Ruby Eyes 'Red Baron'

CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN NATIVE or NATIVE HYBRID

Den. Ellliana Grace R. Findlater

CHAMPION PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRID

Paph. Montebello's Delight Ho M. & S. Montebello

CHAMPION SPECIES OTHER THAN NATIVE

Paph. villosum 'Werri' W. Simmons

CHAMPION ANY OTHER ORCHID

Den. Yaya Victoria M. & S. Montebello

CHAMPION LAELIINAE HYBRID

Rlc. Jinn Feng Wish 'Classical' L. Gannon

CHAMPION ONCIDIINAE HYBRID

Onc. Gower Ramsey 'Volcano Queen'

M. & S. Montebello

CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE ORCHID

Cym. Unknown R. Bristow

CHAMPION NOVICE ORCHID

Cym. Jean Siskel 'Lucy' J. Cameron

CHAMPION SEEDLING ORCHID

Paph. Montebello's Delight Ho M. & S. Montebello

CHAMPION SPECIMEN ORCHID

Den. Yaya Victoria M. & S. Montebello

OPEN SECTION

1. CYMBIDIUM - Standard - over 90 mm

1st. Cym. Darch Dots 'Dazzler' L. Gannon 2nd. Cym. Laramie Angel 'White Angel' J. Clarke

2. CYMBIDIUM - Intermediate - 60-90 mm

1st. Cym. Khan Fury 'Glisten' x C. Ruby Eyes 'Red Baron' B. Mitchell

2nd.Cym Strathdon 'Cooksbridge Fantasy' J. Clarke

3. CYMBIDIUM - Miniature - under 60 mm

 $1^{\rm st}$. Cym. Mary green 'Oxford Street' J. Clarke $2^{\rm nd}$. Cym. Hiroshima Sweet Eyes 'Pink Temptation' N. Weatherby

4. LAELIINAE HYBRID - over 80 mm

 $1^{\rm st}$ Rlc. Jinn Feng Wish 'Classical' L. Gannon $2^{\rm nd}$ C. Mini Song 'Morado' x Rlc. Coconut Ice 'Raspberry Halo' W. Simmons

5. LAELIINAE HYBRID - 80 mm or under

1st. Catt. Arizona B. Phelan

6. ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE - over 70 mm

1st. Miltoniopsis Chemin des Landes B. Phelan

7. ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE - 70 mm or under

1st. Onc. Gower Ramsey 'Volcano Queen'

M. & S. Montebello

2nd. Onc. Gower Ramsey 'Volcano Queen'

M. & S. Montebello

8. PAPHIOPEDILUM SPECIES

 1^{st} . Paph. villosum W. Simmons 2^{nd} . Paph. villosum W. Simmons

9. PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRID

9a. Primary Hybrid

 $1^{\rm st}$. Paph. Nitens M. & S. Montebello $2^{\rm nd}$. Paph. Leeanum 'Werri' M. & S. Montebello

9b. Round Shape (Complex Hybrid)

1st. Paph. New Addition x P. Winston Churchill

W. Simmons

2nd. Paph. Lippincharm x P. Mem Teck-Ying 'Yeowie'

M. & S. Montebello

9c. Maudiae Type (Hybrids within Barbata Section)

 $1^{\rm st}$. Paph. Montebello's Delight Ho M. & S. Montebello $2^{\rm nd}$. Paph. Montebello's Delight Ho M. & S. Montebello

9d. Multifloral No entries

9e. Any other paphiopedilum hybrid No entries

10. PHALAENOPSIS HYBRID

1st. Phal. Karei Pink M. & S. Montebello

11. VANDACEOUS HYBRID OTHER No entries

12. DENDROBIUM SPECIES/HYBRID –

Softcane/Hardcane

1st Den. Yaya Victoria M. & S. Montebello

2nd Den.Lianna Pink Stripe orchid World

M.& S. Montebello

13. ANY OTHER HYBRID

1st. Masd. Copper Angelwings 'Who Cares'

M.& S. Montebello

2nd. Masd. Red Wings M.& S. Montebello

14. SPECIES - Americas

1st. L. anceps White Magic x L. anceps Marble Queen

J. Clancy

2nd. Catt. coccinea B. Phelan

15. SPECIES – not elsewhere specified		32. SPECIES OTHER THAN NATIVE	
1 st . Coel. cobbianum	R. Korber	1 st . Coel. tomentosa	W. Lee
2 nd . Coel. wenzelii	R. Korber	2 nd . Cym. tracyanum	R. Bristow
		2 . Cym. tracyanum	K. DHStow
16. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES	other than		
DOCKRILLIA		NOVICE SECTION	
1st. Den. tetragonum x K Gig 'Noah;s Ark'	J. Clancy		
2 nd . Den. tetragonum 'Somerton' x D. tetra			
'King's Park'	J. Clancy	33. CYMBIDIUM STANDARD	
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19. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID –		Ice Cascade x Lime Shepherd	J. Cameron
1 st . Den. Red Ballerina 'Macquarie'	N. Weatherby	ice Caseade x Eline Shephera	J. Cameron
2 nd . Den. Purple Paddlepop x D. Regal Hilo		36. ONCIDIINAE HYBRID	
'Nova'	J. Clancy	1st. Onc. Twinkle 'Ono'	V. Starling
		2 nd Onc. Unknown	C. Steel
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2 ^{nd.} Den. Hilda Poxon	R. Findlater	37. LAELIINAE HYBRID	E E! !
		1 st Catt. Lucky Strike	F. Flack.
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white or any other colour		38. PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRID	
1st Den. Melbourne 'Robbie Mc Innes'	R. Korber	1st. Paph. insigne	C. Steel
2 nd Den. Phena's Charm 'Genesis' x Spec.			
Moonmere	L. Phelan	39. VANDACEOUS HYBRID	
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Winter Show Report

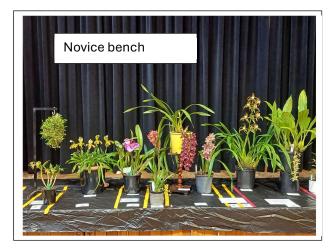
It wouldn't be a show without the orchids on the benches so a great big shout out to the 18 members who brought along 105 beautiful plants for judging and for the admiration of over 450 visitors. This is just 2 less than last year's benching despite the weather god's determination to spoil our fun. Huge thanks to the 5 Novice, 3 Intermediate and 10 Open growers who were able to keep their orchids safe from the elements.

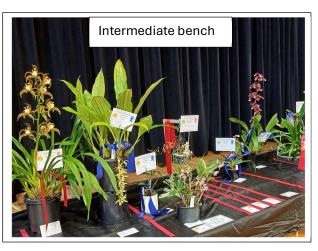
Congratulations to the championship winners and to all who had success on the benches. The thirteen worthy champions on the Champion's Table belonged to seven different growers but Martin and Sue Montebello starred with three of their beautiful orchids winning seven championships.

The success of any show is largely due to the willingness of members to participate in the promotion, preparation and production of the show itself. Shoalhaven Society members certainly stepped up to help support our winter show this year.

Many thanks to:

- The committee who scheduled, planned and filled the rosters to ensure all contingencies were covered.
- The members who ensure our show is publicized, especially those who put our signs and banners and distribute/display posters to make sure locals know about our show.
- All the willing helpers who came along to bring/help set up the tables and the hall with special thanks to Assistant Benching Marshal, Martin Montebello, for competently overseeing the setup of the hall and his invaluable assistance to the benching marshal.
- Those members who look after the comfort and welfare of the workers, judges and the public by purchasing supplies, catering and obtaining the prizes.
- Benching Marshal, Brian Phelan, our judges and those who assist with judging and recording on Friday evening.
- John Clarke for doing the hugely popular repotting demonstration.
- The stalwart sales team and the hard-working money-takers.
- Those members who stocked the sales table with such an amazing array of goodies.
- The floor walkers, security guards and public interactors, especially those members who sell the raffle tickets.
- The visitor count people and the creche minders.
- The cleaners and all of those who assisted with the breakdown of the show.
- Final thanks must go to our President, Louise Gannon, whose attention to detail ensures that nothing is forgotten, and everyone is looked after and appreciated.



















From The Committee

Novice Corner

Novice Corner will be an Open Grower discussing "How to Prepare for Spring"

New Members

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members and we hope that you enjoy your time with us and learn lots and lots about Orchids.

Kay Morrison from Greenwell Point Mrs Jessica Mills from Camberwarra Jennifer Power from Coolangatta Mrs Kristin Wallis from Nowra And we happily welcome back Sylvia Pickup

Incorrect Name Badges

The Committee can announce that a correct logo has been signed off on. Nowra Engravers are now able to issue the correct badges. For any newer member who does not have a badge, you may now place an order with Nowra Engravers located at the bus interchange in Nowra. For members that were issued with an incorrect logo badge, the Committee has made the decision to cover the cost of a replacement. You can either return your incorrect badge to Stafford for replacement or you can return your incorrect badge to Nowra Engravers for replacement, either way the incorrect badge must be returned for the Society to cover the replacement cost.

Spring Show Roster

The Spring Show roster will be circulated at the August meeting, if you can not attend the meeting but are able to assist at the show please let Francoise know and your name will be added.

Bunnings BBO Sunday September 28th Roster

A roster for the Bunnings BBQ will also be circulated at the August meeting, please consider helping out on the day even if it is only for a couple of hours, as this is where our main revenue comes from. Your help will be greatly appreciated. If you will not be at the meeting. Please let Francoise know if you are able to help.



ORCHID AWARDS

Orchid judging is done in accordance with the Australian Orchid Council Judging Rules.

To be eligible for an award the plant must have been grown by the applicant(s) for a minimum of two years and the judging panel will require reasonable evidence to that effect.

FCC	First Class Certificate	85 points or more of possible 100	These are plant Quality Awards. A panel of at least 5 judges is	
AM	Award of Merit	80 to 85 points	required to make an award. The	
нсс	Highly Commended Certificate	75 to 80 points	award attaches to the plant so any vegetative division or mericloned offspring will carry the award.	
AD	Award of Distinction	An AD is awarded for distinctive attributes e.g. colour		
СВМ	Certificate of Botanical Merit	To obtain a CBM the plant must be a species or natural hybrid that is rare or unusual in cultivation.		
ACE	Award of Cultural Excellence	85 points or more of possible 100	These are Cultural Awards that go to the grower for a	
ACM	Award of Cultural Merit	80 to 85 points	particularly well-grown plant. The award does not attach to	
ACC	Award of Cultural Commendation	75 to 80 points	any divisions or any mericloned offspring derived from the plant.	
ASR	Award of Special Recognition	An ASR may be granted for a significant breeding achievement, producing a crossing of outstanding consistent quality. To qualify for this type of ASR the breeder should present a minimum of twelve (12) plants of one hybrid or line bred species, flowering at the time of judging.		

Reference: OSNSW Orchid Judging Training Manual.



The Society thanks its generous sponsors. We encourage members to support them.



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NOTICES

Bishops 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 Francoise has the new cards.

Library. Books! Our society has many great books for Speak to Robin who would be delighted to help you.

Attendance Book. Members and guests must sign the attendance book. This is required for insurance purposes. Our insurance cover applies to your attendance at any society organised event. *If you don't sign, you're not covered*. Please sign beside your number given by the society.

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.

2025 Shoalhaven Orchid Society

What's On at a Glance

Committee Meetings 2025

Tuesday 2th September 10.00am

Society Meetings 2025

Saturday Day Meetings 10am – 1pm 16th August -Ken Coates "Growing Orchids in Cooler Climates"

15th Sept – Richard Dimon, his trip to Borneo & Peninsular Malaysia.

20th October- Neutrog Representative

17th November-TBA

15th December – Christmas Party

Society Shows 2025

SOS Inc. Spring Show Saturday 30th August

SOS Inc. October Show Saturday 18th October

Society Coming Events

Native Orchid Walk-TBA

Potting Day- TBA

Other Society Shows

MUOS

Spring Show 13th - 14th September

BBOFS

Winter Show 19th – 20th July Spring Show 6th – 7th September Native Show 18th – 19th October

IDOS

Spring Show 6th – 7th September October Show 11th October

Growing Competition 2025

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.

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

March. Den. Phena's Charm 'Genesis' x Spec. Moonmere

April. Sarc. Bunyip 'Dark Horizon 'x Kulnura Bliss 'Orange Ring'

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

June. Den. Phena's Charm 'Genesis' x Spec. Moonmere

July. Sarc. Bunyip 'Dark Horizon 'x Kulnura Bliss 'Orange Ring'

August. Sarc. Bunyip 'Dark Horizon 'x Kulnura Bliss 'Orange Ring'

 $\textbf{September} \ \mathsf{Sarc}. \ \mathsf{Bunyip} \ \mathsf{`Dark} \ \mathsf{Horizon} \ \mathsf{`x}$

Kulnura Bliss 'Orange Ring'

October Sarc. Bunyip 'Dark Horizon 'x Kulnura Bliss 'Orange Ring'

November. Sarc. Bunyip 'Dark Horizon 'x

Kulnura Bliss 'Orange Ring'

December. Sarc. Bunyip 'Dark Horizon 'x Kulnura Bliss 'Orange Ring'

ORCHID EVENTS 2025

St Ives Orchid Fair- St Ives Showground, St Ives. 15th–17th August.

Australian Native Orchid Show, Revesby Workers Club – September 6th.

South & West Regional Show & Conference Fitzroy Pavillion, Exhibition Park, Canberra September 20th-21st

Orchids Central, Club Condell Park, Condell Pk. 17th-19th October

OSNSW Summer Show, Ermington Main Hall, Ermington 13th-14th December