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*Cymbidium Shoalhaven 'Touch of Class'*

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**October 2021**

## Shoalhaven Orchid Society

**CANCELLED**

## OCTOBER SHOW

Unfortunately, due to extended COVID restrictions our  
**2021 October Show**  
has been **CANCELLED**



## SOCIETY INFORMATION

VENUE: BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE  
17 BIRRILEY STREET, BOMADERRY.

### NEXT MEETING - CANCELLED

~~Saturday 18 October~~ at 7:00pm

Meeting room is open at 6:30pm for setting up \*

Benching to be **finished** by 7:00pm

Novice Corner 7:00pm-7:15pm

Popular Vote 7:15pm-7:30pm

Meeting commences 7:30pm

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

### PLEASE NOTE

The OCTOBER General Meeting to be held  
on Monday 18th October has been  
**CANCELLED**  
due to continued COVID restrictions

## Society T-Shirts



Society shirts are available again. We have obtained some samples for sizing that members will be able to view, once we are able to have a meeting again. They will need to be ordered on-line as the Embroidery Shack no longer has a shop front.



## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

**It's Nearly Over!**



It's been a tough year with so many cancellations!

While lockdown has been difficult in many ways, for some of us it has also been a sort of hibernation. It has been a simpler time; fewer decisions to make, fewer interactions with others, more time to tend to things we've put on the backburner.

With restrictions finally coming to an end soon we can all start coming out of hibernation, visit family, enjoy a cuppa or lunch with friends, go to pubs and cafes. We all have something to look forward to.

In the meantime, look after yourselves !



THE SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY WILL MEET ON THE **THIRD MONDAY** OF THE MONTH at **7:00PM**  
IN THE BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE, 17-19 BIRRILEY STREET, BOMADERRY.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope this note finds all our members well.

NSW is starting to gradually open- up due to the increasing numbers of people being vaccinated but still there is an air of uncertainty about it all.

Our committee has regrettably decided to cancel our October Meeting and Show. There is still no word on when the BCC will reopen. No doubt when the doors do open there will be new rules regarding the halls use and new updated entry requirements. Keeping our members safe is our No. 1 priority.

Gary Hart was due to be our Guest Speaker for our November Meeting talking on Paphiopedilums. Unfortunately, but quite understandably, Gary has postponed his talk till next year when we hope there will be less uncertainty with Covid. The committee will advise members about our November Meeting in the near future.

Thank you members, who sent photos of their lovely flowering orchids to our Editor, Teresa. Another month of a great variety of different genera and all so colourful.

We all look forward to the day when we can all meet together again.

Stay safe,

Louise



## 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

## New Growing Competition Plant



The committee has put on hold the purchase of the next growing competition plant until a suitable Cattleya plant can be sourced. So there is still time to put your name down for one.

This plant will be a larger seedling and will be purchased using some of the money donated to the society by Kim Harrington and will be grown in honour of Phil Harrington.

If you would like to partake in this growing competition, please let the committee know **asap** by sending an email to the society's email address.

## NOVICE CORNER

**John Clancy** is our Novice Corner Coordinator. Members who have a cultural problem or any questions about their orchids are invited to speak to **John**. If it is not within John's area of expertise 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 4443 9072 or email [john.clancy50@me.com](mailto:john.clancy50@me.com).



**Don't forget we have a Facebook page! This is a great way to showcase your orchids between meetings.**

**Let's face it, our beautiful orchids don't always make an appearance at the right time for meetings. Post your orchids on Facebook so we can all admire them.**

**Please note: Our Facebook page will remain private due to much unsolicited advertising being posted on public pages. We will, however, allow non society members to join our page after being vetted by the Administrators. Any unsolicited advertising will be removed and that person will be blocked.**



## Premier's Office Grant

The Committee has successfully secured a grant from the Premier's Office to cover the cost of the purchase and repairs of our show signs. Thank you to the committee for their constant pursuit of opportunities that benefit our members.

## BUILDING A SMALL SHADEHOUSE

*By Louise Gannon*

You have probably heard of the phrase in orchid circles – ‘there is always room for one more orchid!’ Well, I have been telling myself this for a good while now to the point where I have added to my collection a number of ‘one mores’. After a while I found my orchids starting to suffer because they were too crowded which leads to poor air circulation.

I considered selling or giving away some of my orchids but each plant I picked up I wanted to keep, so I finally decided it was time to expand. I did consider for a moment the words of a visiting Sydney girlfriend who called my shadehouse a monstrosity, fair enough, beauty is in the eye of the beholder. It does take up half of our small backyard but as shadehouses go, I think it looks pretty good. I must admit she has a beautiful garden, in fact it won a garden award at one time, with its lush tropical plants and palms by the pool with a gorilla amongst it all, very nice. So when she visited me last May, I told her of my plan to build another smaller shadehouse and of course you guessed it, she said ‘Oh no Lou, don’t do it’. I did think for a second about what she said and weighed it all up but still went ahead.

So, during Covid I built myself a new shadehouse around the side of our house, the width of the garden bed to not upset my husband. I made it out of ¾" gal. pipe, downy fittings, 3 old security doors as benches, some bought wire mesh and shadecloth. It measures, 6m long x 900 deep with the height just about fence level.

The men from the Independent Steel Co in Sth. Nowra were very good in cutting up the 6.5m lengths of pipe to the size I needed and to fit in my car. Also cutting down a 2400mm x 1200mm mesh for me. I had quite a number of the downy fittings that clamped it all together, so that saved some money.

After nutting it out for a few days, I got started, thinking I’m pretty chuffed with the idea of using old security doors for my benches. It was about this time that I received a phone call from Don Hogan saying that he has just finished a new shadehouse and used security doors for the benches. How about that - great minds must think alike! We both agreed that they make a good strong bench and just the right size.

It took me about a week on and off to build the shadehouse and decided that all my cymbidiums will go there, I moved them all in and two weeks later moved them all out again after deciding to put my native and miscellaneous orchids there instead, as I felt the cymbids. needed longer daylight.

Now that my orchids are all in their right places, I do have a little spare space, just enough for that – ‘one more orchid’.



# MOONA MOONA (Mooney) CREEK ORCHID WALK

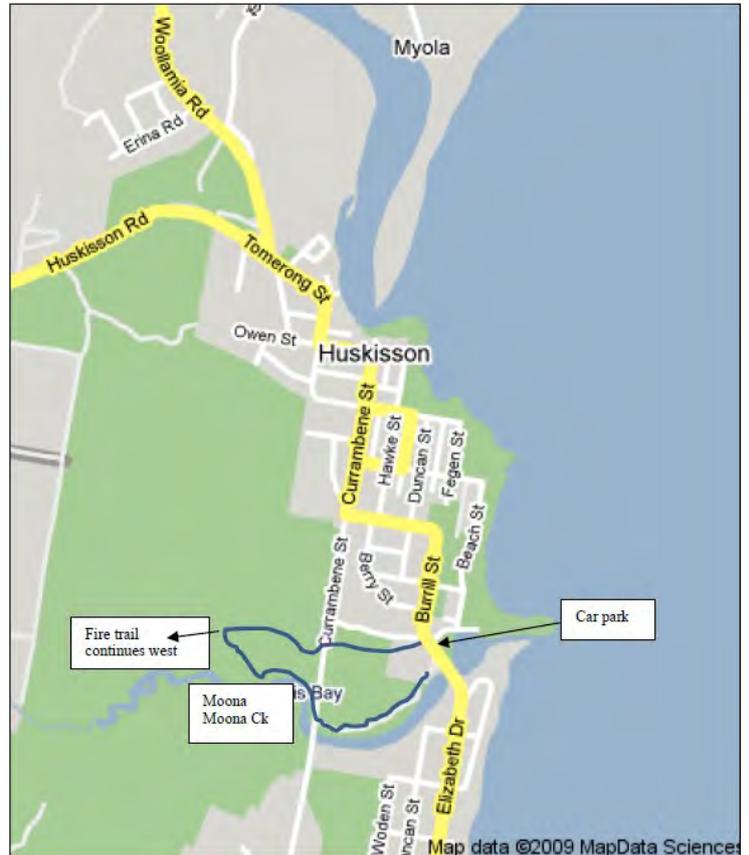
By Lynne Phelan

On Tuesday, 28 September, Brian and I did a walk around Mooney Creek bush track. The small car park is on the Huskisson side of the Moona Moona Creek bridge between Huskisson and Vincentia. We did the walk anti-clockwise so crossed the road at the top end of the car park and followed the bush track to the left of the road. At the start of the track there is a mass of wisteria that escaped from an old shack that has been pulled down. It teaches the top of the tall gum trees.

A hundred metres or so down the track on the left we spotted some *Caleana* (Duck orchid) and a little further along some *Calochilus* (Bearded orchid). I couldn't tell you the species. We would need to have Alan Stephenson along to do that. Scattered along the track throughout the walk were many dozens of *Petalochilus* (*Caladenia* or Lady Fingers orchids) ranging in colour from white to very dark pink.

Coming back along the south part of the walk along the creek we spotted *Thelymitra* but it was early in the morning and the flowers weren't open. Not long after that we saw some *Diplodium* (*Pterostylis* or Greenhood orchids) and more *Caladenia*. All along the way there are lots of other beautiful wildflowers in bloom with the boronia being particularly spectacular. It took about an hour with lots of stops for photography and is well worth a visit.

Note that the white section of Currambene Street is merely a wide swathe under the power line and the part of the blue walk after you cross that is the start of the West Huskisson Fire Trail. You turn sharp left off the fire trail after about 500m to go back towards the creek.



# Virtual Benching

## NOVICE



Cym. Harbour City 'Sydney'  
Teresa Bourke'

## INTERMEDIATE



Blc. Hunabu Delight



Cym. Fatal Beauty



Slc. Love Castle 'K'



Den. Speciosum 'Hillii'



Ddc. filiforme



Den. Sagamusmi

*Francoise Sikora*



Cym. Unknown



Bletilla Striata



Den. Speciosum



Den. Speciosum

Garry Douglass

# Virtual Benching

OPEN



Dockrillia Schoenina 'Doug Lee'  
X self



Dockrillia Schoenina



Phal Big Chilli 'The Legend'



Phal. Lian Her Happy Soul X  
Mammon

John Clancy



Coelogyne Flaccida



Coelogyne Unchained  
Melody 'Alba'



Den Speciosum  
'Graham Hewitt'



Den. Mt Larcom Gold x  
Windermere



Maxillaria Porphyrostele



Neoregelia Var Bromlaid

Helen Douglass



C. Intermedia var coerulea



Mxl. haemataglossa



Arpophyllum  
spicatum



Den. Akatuka Queen



L. purpurata 'Ruby' x Lc.  
Maris Song 'CTM 217'



Lc. Fire Gem 'Capricorn's  
Colourful Chaos'

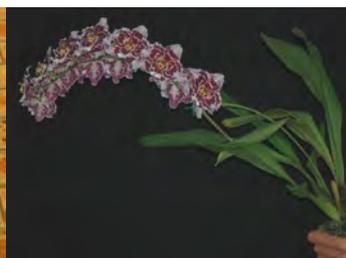
Louise Gannon



Coelogyne mooreana



Den. Suffusum



Onc. (Oda.) St. Clements 'Belles'



Plectochilus Kilgra

Lynne Phelan

# Virtual Benching

OPEN



Paph. Bellmaud



Cat. Trick or Treat x  
Sib



Cym. Unkown



Cym. Unkown



Cym. Cricket



Paph. Yaehiyo Lady x  
Holdeni

Gary Jonas



Den. Ishidora 'Rainbow'



Galeopetalum Arlene  
Armour 'Conching'



Coelogyne Flaccida  
(White & Brown)



Dendrochilum Glumaceum



Den. Yukidaruma 'Queen'



Don Hogan

## IS YOUR ORCHID COLLECTION COMPLETE?

Is there a particular orchid you are trying to find and own?

Do you want to know more about the culture and care of your favourite orchid?

Let me know and I will try and source the information for you from experienced grower!

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# What's on at a Glance

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2021

2nd March 2021	3rd August 2021
6th April 2021	7th September 2021
4th May 2021	5th October 2021
1st June 2021	2nd November 2021
6th July 2021	7th December 2021

## GENERAL MEETINGS 2021

~~18th October~~ - CANCELLED

15th November

20th December

## SOCIETY SHOWS 2021

SOS Inc. ~~Winter Show~~ - Cancelled

SOS Inc. ~~Spring Show~~ - Cancelled

SOS Inc. ~~October Show~~ - Cancelled

## COMING EVENTS

Roving Day - ~~25 September 2021~~ - Postponed

August - ~~Charity Orchid Auction~~ - Postponed

## 2021 GUEST SPEAKERS

October - ~~Gavin Curtis~~ - Postponed

November - TBA



### Books! Books! Books!

Our society has many great books for you to borrow!!

Speak to **Robin Gunter** who would be delighted to help you



## WISH LIST

Looking for a special plant??

Email **Teresa** (email address front page) with ....

**Your Name, Phone number & plant name**

and I will add it to our newsletter.

## 2021 GROWING COMPETITION

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. Let's give Lawrie a bit of competition this year!

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

**November** - Sarc. Elegance 'Super' x Sarc. Sweetheart 'Speckles'

**December** - TBA

\***Note:** 'Rosminah' is the spelling used by the hybridiser, Cal Orchids.



## WISH LIST



**Teresa Bourke** - Cym. Wallamura Ninja'  
- lowianum Concolor

**SALES TABLE** A reminder to members that **all** sales must go through the sales table. The society's commission on sales is a small but important part of our revenue raising and a way our members can help

