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## NEWSLETTER MARCH 2025

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**Next Meeting: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

**Bomaderry Community Centre. 19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry.**

Room opens at 6pm for set up\*; benching to be **finished** by 7.00pm; Popular Vote 7.00-7.15pm;  
Novice Corner 7.15-7.30pm. Meeting commences at 7.30pm. \* Many hands make light work.

**Guest Speaker: Commonwealth Bank rep. visiting re scams**

**Novice Corner: Repotting a speciosum**



THE SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY MEETS ON THE **THIRD MONDAY** OF THE MONTH- at  
**7.00 PM** IN THE BOMADERY COMMUNITY CENTRE, 19 BIRRILEY STREET, BOMADERY.

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The year ahead is shaping up well for our society.

Our 2025 committee met for the first time this month, welcoming 2 new members – Mary Ahonen and Will Fisher, who seemed to have settled in well.

Our society has purchased raffle plants from Kings Nursery (Aust. natives) and Windemere Orchids (mixed genera) for the year and will certainly be good prizes. Thankyou Ron and John Clarke for looking after them.

From our March meeting we will be trialling voting of benched orchids first from 7pm – 7.15pm, then Novice Corner 7.15pm – 7.30pm. The change around may allow more members who have jobs to do, more time to listen to the speaker. 'Novice Corner' is for any member, novice, intermediate or open to feel free to listen to. (Novice Corner might need a name change to 'Culture Corner' – might put that to committee!)

Our May meeting will be our Charity Auction with all money raised going to the not-for-profit North Nowra branch of Meals on Wheels. Our Secretary Francoise is a volunteer, and her son Luke is the Chair of the Board and have first-hand knowledge of the need to provide an ever increasing number of meals for local needy people.

Thank you, Lynne and Brian, for speaking at the Bunnings Garden Club recently. Lynne spoke about growing orchids, while Brian repotted an orchid. A Bunnings BBQ is planned for Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April (the day after Anzac Day). We will be needing volunteers to help on the day and a reminder that we are still needing 2 members to take over the organizing of the BBQ's. Over the years the BBQ's have been a great financial boost to our society, given that much smaller revenue raised comes from membership, raffles and sales table commissions. At the moment we are in a strong financial position and by maintaining this level of income and expenditure it will ensure sufficient funds for yearly events plus the hosting of the S/W Regional Show & Conference in Nowra in 2027.

In September 2025 (19<sup>th</sup> set up, 20<sup>th</sup>, [21<sup>st</sup> ½ day]) Canberra O/S will be hosting their S/W Regional Show & Conference (held every 2 years) at the Fitzroy Pavilion at EPIC. Our society will be represented and are forming a display team now to design a floor orchid display (2m x 2m) with the theme being a Musical – stage or screen. Please let Francoise or me know if you are interested in being a part of our display team. Any members attending this event for the few days are advised to book accommodation now.

Lastly, Eurobodalla O/S are hosting a Regional Workshop on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> March at Tuross Head. The cost is \$50 for the 1 ½ days. Morning Tea & Afternoon Tea plus 1 lunch included. Well known Guest Speakers – Jeanne Dunn and Gerry Walsh (the Rock Lily Man) and Stephen Stebbings (Newbold Orchid Nursery). Jeanne and Gerry are both Aust. native orchid growers. There will be orchids for sale. These events are great fun in a relaxed atmosphere.

See you all at our March meeting where we hear from a Commonwealth Bank representative about staying safe on-line.

Louise

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BENCHING RESULTS		Month: February	Year: 2025
Class	Orchid Name		Name of Grower
NOVICE			
Oncidiinae Alliance	Brassada Orange Delight ‘Hilo Sunrise’		K. Carter
Laeliinae Alliance	Laelia speciosa ‘Henriette’		R. Gunter
Species	Coelogyne massengeana		J. Cameron
Miscellaneous orchid	Paph. Chamberlainiana x P. praestans		R. Gunter
Novice Orchid of the Night	Coelogyne massengeana		J. Cameron
INTERMEDIATE			
Species orchid	Cym. dayanum		R. Bristow
Miscellaneous orchid	Zygo. Artur Elle Essendon		W. Lee
Intermediate Orchid of the Night	Cym. dayanum		R. Bristow
OPEN			
Paphiopedilum – species/hybrid	Paph. Eagle Peak ‘Gold Toms’ x P. armeniacum		M&S Montebello
Oncidiinae Alliance	Onc. (Psychopsis) papilio Milt. Lillian Nakamoto		M&S Montebello B. Phelan
Dendrobium – species/hybrid	Den. New Burana		R. Findlater
Laeliinae Alliance	Catt. Chocolate Drop ‘Garcia’ x C. interglossa		L. Gannon
Vandaceous Hybrid	Phal. Purple Fancy		M&S Montebello
Species	Phrag. besseae (seedling)		M&S Montebello
Miscellaneous orchid	Masd. Wilma Mastin		B. Phelan
Open Orchid of the Night	Onc. (Psychopsis) papilio		M&S Montebello
Species of the Night	Onc. (Psychopsis) papilio		M&S Montebello
Hybrid of the Night	Paph. Primechild		G. Jonas
Benching Marshal’s Choice	Onc. (Psychopsis) papilio		M&S Montebello
Growing Competition	Martin Montebello 5 pts, Sue Montebello 3pts, Martin de Launey, Pauline de Launey, Ron Findlater, Louise Gannon, Brian Phelan, Lynne Phelan 1pt. Each		
Number of plants benched	45	Number of Growing comp. plants	8



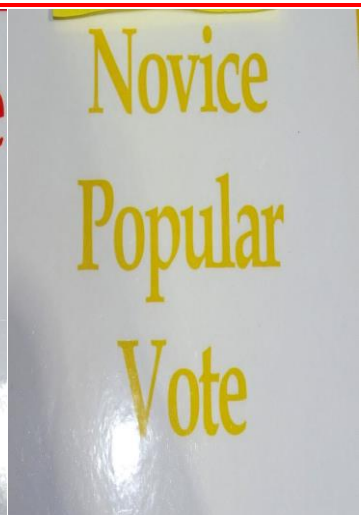
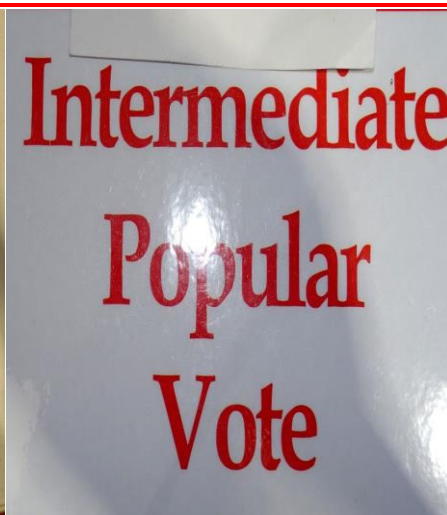




Open  
Popular  
Vote

Best  
Species

Benching  
Marshal's  
Choice



Best  
Hybrid



## **From The Committee**

### **Meeting Changes**

The Committee has decided to change the voting, it will now start first at 7pm and then we will have Novice Corner at 7.15pm. This will enable more members to take part in Novice Corner.

### **Growing Competition**

The Committee discussed and made the decision that the Growing Competition will now continue until that plant has flowered, instead of running the competition over two years or flowering whichever occurs first. This will allow everyone to see the flowers and also save costs to the Society and members of having to replace the plant every two years.

### **Bunnings BBQ**

The Society has been allocated a BBQ date of Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>. The BBQ is the main source of income for the Society. A roster will be available at the March meeting. There are 3 shifts throughout the day approx. 2 ½ hrs – 3hrs per shift. Please consider putting your name down to help out. We need volunteers to help.

### **Eurobodalla O/S Workshop**

March 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> at Tuross Heads. A flyer and Registration form have been emailed to members. It should be a great weekend with some very good and knowledgeable Guest Speakers attending.

### **South & West Regional Show**

The South & West Regional Show is held in Canberra on the 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> September at Exhibition Park, set-up is the 19<sup>th</sup> September. It has been suggested that anyone that is interested in attending and staying overnight should be looking for accommodation now, as it is also Floriade time.

### **Society Reimbursements**

For anyone who requires a reimbursement from the society please be aware that the bank requires 2 signatures for this to occur as per our Constitution. Also, for electronic transfers the Commonwealth Bank requires the 2 signatories to be on the same computer at the same time. The 2 signatories need to meet at a convenient time for both parties, so we ask for your patience as some are still working. We do our best to complete the reimbursement as quickly as possible.

### **Library books**

Our librarian Robyn has asked that any member who has had a book out for some time to please return it our next meeting as there are a number of outstanding books.

### **2025 Membership Fees**

For any member who has not renewed your 2025 membership, this will be last Newsletter received. Fees are \$20 for single and \$30 for families at the same address. Fees can be paid into our Bank A/C: BSB 062 585, A/C no.10263191 Please reference your name.

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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 1<sup>st</sup> April 10.00am

### **Society Meetings 2025**

17<sup>th</sup> March- Commonwealth Bank "Staying Safe on Line"

21<sup>st</sup> April- TBA

19<sup>th</sup> May- Charity Auction

**Saturday Day Meetings 10am – 1pm**

**21<sup>st</sup> June – Brian/Martin "How to prepare your Plants for a Show"**

**19<sup>th</sup> July – TBA**

**16<sup>th</sup> August – Ken Coates "Growing Orchids in a Cooler Climate"**

**15<sup>th</sup> Sept – TBA**

**20<sup>th</sup> October- Neutrog Representative**

**17<sup>th</sup> November- TBA**

**15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party**

### **Society Shows 2025**

**SOS Inc. Winter Show Saturday 12th July**

**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**

Winter Show 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July

Spring Show 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> September

#### **BBOFS**

Winter Show 29<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> July

Spring Show 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> September

Native Show 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> October

#### **IDOS**

Winter Show 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July

Spring Show 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> September

October Show 11<sup>th</sup> 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'

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### **ORCHID EVENTS 2025**

**Collectors Plant Fair – 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> April. Penrith Showground.**

**Orchids Out West – 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May. Hawkesbury Showground Clarendon**

**Mingara Orchid Fair and Show – 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> June**

**St Ives Orchid Fair – 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> August.**

**Paphiopedilum and Cymbidium Show, Yagoona -TBA Orchids Central, Club Condell Park**

**17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> October**

**Australian Native Orchid Show Revesby Workers Club -TBA**