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Next Meeting: Saturday 15th August, 2026

Bomaderry Community Centre. 19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry.
Room opens at 9.00am for set up*; benching to be **finished** by 10.00am, Popular Vote 10.00am-10.15am, Novice Corner 10.15am -10.30am. Meeting commences at 10.30am. Many hands make light work.

Guest Speaker: Will be a discussion led by Martin on "Preparing for Spring, following on from our last discussion on potting media this will be about being prepared with pots, repotting, watering requirements, moving orchids around etc."

Novice Corner: Will be a repotting of 2 Zygopetalums with one that needs tidying up.





PRESIDENTS REPORT

Our committee were very pleased to hear good feed-back regarding our topic of 'Potting Mixes' at our last general meeting. It was interesting and informative to hear what potting mixes members use for different orchids from Aust. native terrestrial mix through to dendrobiums, cymbidiums, cattleyas and more. I still have some printed information that Ron Howlett kindly supplied when talking about his terrestrial mix. Please see me at our August meeting if you would like to have a copy. Following on from potting mixes, our August meeting topic will be continuing with the same discussion theme on 'Preparing for Spring'. I look forward to the open discussion.

Our Spring Show is fast approaching – Sat 5th September with set up on Friday 4th from 12 noon. Plants received from 2pm – 4pm. Show information will be either emailed or mailed to members. Please read carefully.

At our August Committee Meeting, members accepted 7 new members into our society. Please make them feel welcome when they are introduced at our August Meeting.

Thank you, John Clarke, for bagging up more potting mix for the meeting and show sales tables. These bags have been a big boost to members and visitors at shows who may have only a few orchids and don't want to buy a large bag of bark and perlite.

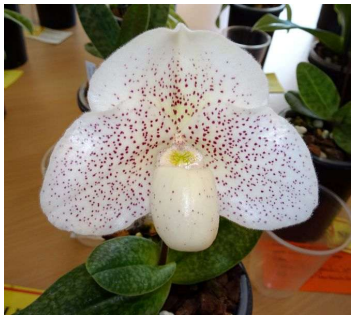
See you at our last Saturday meeting for the year on 15th August.

Warm regards,

Louise







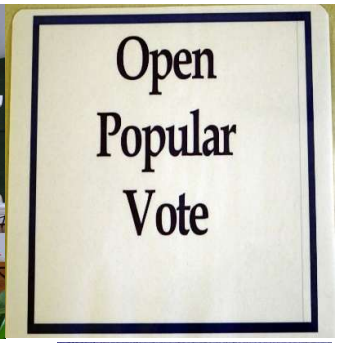

BENCHING RESULTS	**Month July**	**Year 2026**
Class	Orchid Name	Name of Grower
	NOVICE	
Laeliinae Alliance	Laelia Unknown	F. Flack
Novice Orchid of the Night	**Laelia Unknown**	**F. Flack**
	INTERMEDIATE	
Australian native species/hybrid	*Dock. striolata*	R. Bristow
Oncidiinae Alliance	*Brassidium* Golden Gamine 'White Knight'	C. Steele
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.* Leeanum	M & S Montebello
Onciidinae Alliance	*Onc.* Lava Burst 'Puanani'	M & S Montebello
Dendrobium – species/hybrid	*Den.* Lianna 'Pink Stripe'	M & S Montebello
Laeliinae Alliance	*Catt.* Unknown	L. Gannon
Vandaceous Hybrid	*Phal.* Packchong Blue	M & S Montebello
Species	*Laelia anceps Alba*	L. Phelan
Australian native hybrid	*D. dolicophyllum* ;Gigantor' x D. Australian Ginger 'Meggs'	J. Clancy
Australian native species	*Dock. teretifolium*	L. Phelan
Cymbidium	*Cym.* Gentle Touch 'Bon Bon'	J. Clarke
Miscellaneous orchid	*Coel.* Unchained melody	W. Lee
Open Orchid of the Night	***Den.* Lianna 'Pink Stripe'**	**M & S Montebello**
Species of the Night	***Cym. dayanum Alba***	**J. Clarke**
Hybrid of the Night	***Den.* Lianna 'Pink Stripe'**	**M & S Montebello**
Benching Marshal's Choice	***Laelia anceps Alba***	**L. Phelan**
Growing Competition	N/A	

Number of plants benched 53

Number of seedlings 9 **Best:** *Paph.* Neridah x P. Mem. Tock-Ying 'Yeeowie' M. & S Montebello



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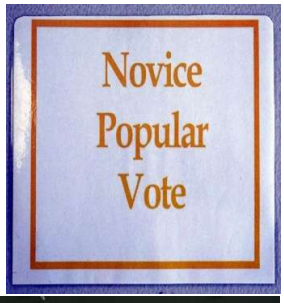
Popular
Vote






Novice
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Intermediate
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Best
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Best
Species


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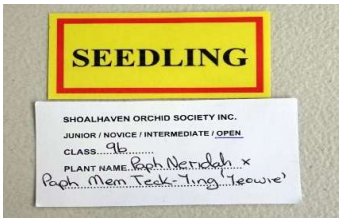
SEEDLING
SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY INC.
JUNIOR / NOVICE / INTERMEDIATE / OPEN
CLASS 96
PLANT NAME Paph Neridah x
Paph Mem Teck-Ying 'Yeowie'

2026 SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY WINTER SHOW

Benching Marshals' Report

Congratulations Members, another very successful show under our belts. There is no show without the orchids and this year there were 107 plants benched – two more than last year and which had 105 and four more than 2024 with 103, so we are moving in the right direction. As to be expected, the majority, 94 plants, were benched by eleven (11) Open growers with four (4) Intermediate growers benching 5 plants and two (2) Novice members benching 8 plants. The Intermediate and Novice benches were a bit sparse compared to last year and these members are strongly encouraged to bench their orchids, even if they have only one flower open.

Benching went smoothly with members consulting the benching marshals before placing plants, thus avoiding any mishaps and it was pleasing to see the vast majority of plants in show bench condition with clean containers and foliage, inconspicuous staking and plants stable in their pots. Labelling was also very clear, which is very helpful for the recorders.

With over 450 visitors through the doors the sales team were kept very busy. Members are reminded that, as per our By-laws, only plants that would be eligible for benching at a show can be sold on the sales table, i.e. orchids, ferns and foliage plants.

Congratulations to all of the championship winners and to all who had success on the benches.

Brian Phelan
Show Marshal

Martin Montebello
Assistant Show Marshal





2026 WINTER SHOW RESULTS

CHAMPION ORCHID OF THE SHOW

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

RESERVE CHAMPION ORCHID OF THE SHOW

Den. Yaya Victoria M. & S. Montebello

CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM

Cym. Vanity Fair 'Hollywood' x C. Dural Dream 'Picture'
B. Mitchell

CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN NATIVE or NATIVE HYBRID

Den. Saigon Atlantic R. Findlater

CHAMPION PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRID

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

CHAMPION SPECIES OTHER THAN NATIVE

Laelia anceps Walbrunn x L. anceps Roseminah
R. Findlater

CHAMPION ANY OTHER ORCHID

Den. Yaya Victoria 'Montebello' M. & S. Montebello

CHAMPION LAELIINAE HYBRID

Catt. Unknown L. Gannon

CHAMPION ONCIDIINAE HYBRID

Onc. Lava Burst 'Puanani' M. & S. Montebello

CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE ORCHID

Den. Saigon Spirit J. Cameron

CHAMPION NOVICE ORCHID

Laelia Unknown F. Flack

CHAMPION SEEDLING ORCHID

Paph. moquettianum 'Cloud Forest' x P. leucochilum 'Favorlang Ruby Queen' M. & S. Montebello

CHAMPION SPECIMEN ORCHID

Paph. Nitens M. & S. Montebello

OPEN SECTION

1. CYMBIDIUM – Standard – over 90 mm
1st. Cym. Vanity Fair 'Hollywood' x C. Dural Dream 'Picture' B. Mitchell
2nd. Cym. Regal Flames 'Supreme' x Mamagee 'Montana'
B. Mitchell

2. CYMBIDIUM – Intermediate - 60-90 mm
1st. Cym. Valley Regent x C. Minikin 'Purple' L. Gannon
2nd.Cym Foxfire Mini Pharaoh L. Gannon

3. CYMBIDIUM – Miniature - under 60 mm
1st. Cym. Paradisian Surprise 'Dotty Lip' F. Sikora
2nd . Cym. erythraeum Paradise x C. pumilum Alba (Peats Ridge) F. Sikora

4. LAELIINAE HYBRID - over 80 mm
1st Catt. Unknown L. Gannon
2nd C. Hsinying Pink Doll 'Hsinying' L. Gannon

5. LAELIINAE HYBRID - 80 mm or under
1st. Rc. Passionata 'Topaz' F. Sikora
2nd Catt. Unknown L. Gannon

6. ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE – over 70 mm
No entries

7. ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE – 70 mm or under
1st. Onc. Lava Burst 'Puanani' M. & S. Montebello
2nd. Onc. Tsiku Marguerite M. & S. Montebello

8. PAPHIOPEDILUM SPECIES
1st. Paph. villosum 'Werri' W. Simmons
2nd. Paph. liemianum 'Perfect Circle' x P. lienianum 'Heavy Metal' M. & S. Montebello

9. PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRID
9a. Primary Hybrid
1st. Paph. Nitens M. & S. Montebello
2nd. Paph. Leeanum M. & S. Montebello

9b. Round Shape (Complex Hybrid)
1st. Paph. Moody Person #3 x P. Winston Churchill
M. & S. Montebello
2nd. Paph. Amanda Ferris x P. Joyride 'Beecroft'
W. Simmons

9c. Maudiae Type (Hybrids within Barbata Section)
1st. Paph. Montebello's Delight Ho 'See Ting'
M. & S. Montebello
2nd. Paph. Montebello's Delight Ho M. & S. Montebello

9d. Multifloral No entries

9e. Any other paphiopedilum hybrid
1st. Paph. moquettianum 'Cloud Forest' x P. leucochilum 'Favorlang Ruby Queen' M. & S. Montebello
2nd. Paph. wenshanense 'Favorlang Romance' x P. Knight's niveum 'Favorlang' M. & S. Montebello

10. PHALAENOPSIS HYBRID
1st. Phal. Greenworld Snakeskin M. & S. Montebello
2nd. Phal. Dalmation M. & S. Montebello

11. VANDACEOUS HYBRID OTHER No entries

12. DENDROBIUM SPECIES/HYBRID – Softcane/Hardcane
1st Den. Yaya Victoria 'Montebello' M. & S. Montebello

2nd Den.Glory White x D. siriratana M.& S. Montebello

13. ANY OTHER HYBRID
1st. Zygopetalum Debbie de Mellow 'Honolulu Bay' R. Hahn

14. SPECIES - Americas
1st. Laelia anceps Walbrunn x L. anceps Roseminah R. Findlater
2nd. Phrag. besseae 'Brown Hill' x Phrag. besseae 'Ballarat' M. & S Montebello

15. SPECIES – not elsewhere specified
1st. Coel.cootesii R. Korber
2nd. Coel. tormentosa W. Lee

16. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES other than DOCKRILLIA
1st. Den. tetragonum 'Somerton' x D. tetragonum 'King's Park' J. Clancy
2nd. Den. tetragonum var. giganteum J. Clancy

17. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE DOCKRILLIA SPECIES
No entries

18. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE DOCKRILLIA HYBRID
1st. Dock. Ida Mary x Dock. Lemon Pepper S. Ellis
2nd. D. dolicophyllum 'Gigantor' x D. Australian Ginger 'Meggs' J. Clancy

19. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID – pink or red
1st. Den. Class Pinkblush x D. Zip W. Lee

20. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID – yellow or green
1st. Den. Saigon Atlantic R. Findlater
2nd. Den. Elliana Grace R. Findlater

21. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID – white or any other colour
1st Den. Saigon Victory Genesis x D. peciosum var. curvicaule 'Daylight Moon' W. Lee

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

22. CYMBIDIUM - Standard - over 90 mm
1st. Cym. Unknown J. Cameron

23. CYMBIDIUM – Intermediate - 60-90 mm
No entries

24. CYMBIDIUM - Miniature - under 60 mm
1st. Cym. Unknown R. Bristow

25. LAELIINAE HYBRID
No entries

26. ONCIDIINAE HYBRID
No entries

27. PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRID/SPECIES
No entries

28. VANDACEOUS HYBRID
No entries

29. ANY OTHER HYBRID
No entries

30. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES
No entries.

31. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID
1st. Saigon Spirit J. Cameron
2nd. Angellene x Dunokayla J. Cameron

32. SPECIES OTHER THAN NATIVE

No entries

NOVICE SECTION

33. CYMBIDIUM STANDARD
No entries.

34. CYMBIDIUM INTERMEDIATE
No entries

35. CYMBIDIUM MINIATURE
1st. Cym. Unknown C. Steele

36. ONCIDIINAE HYBRID
1st. Onc. Golden Gavin White Knight C. Steele

37. LAELIINAE HYBRID
1st Laelia Unknown F. Flack
2nd. Blc. Lucky Strike x ? F. Flack

38. PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRID
1st. Paph. Red Shift x P. Impulse K. Carter
2nd. Paph. spicerianum 'Leaf Small' K. Carter

39. VANDACEOUS HYBRID
No entries

40. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE Species/Hybrid
No entries

41. ANY OTHER HYBRID
1st. Coelogyne Amber K. Carter

42. SPECIES Other Than Native
No entries

MEMBERS JUNIOR SECTION

43. ANY ORCHID SPECIES OR HYBRID
No entries

FERNS & FOLIAGE SECTION

44. FERNS
1st. Pliebodium S. Ellis
2nd. Blue Star Fern D. Slye

45. FOLIAGE PLANT including Anthurium
1st. Galanther Zebrina J. Cameron


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WINTER SHOW 2026
CHAMPION ORCHID OF THE SHOW


Shoalhaven Orchid Society - 1st
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CHAMPION ANY OTHER ORCHID


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CHAMPION SEEDLING


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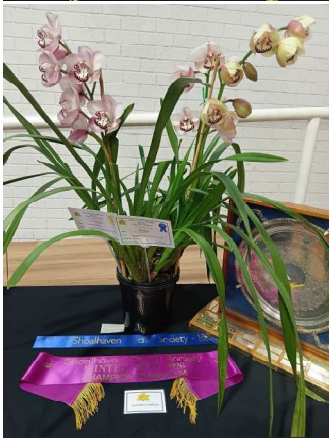


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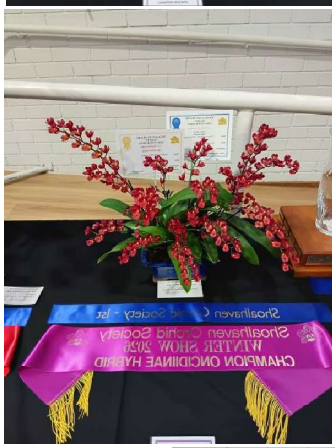


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CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN NATIVE / NATIVE HYBRID













From The Committee

New Meeting Presentation

There will be a new segment at our monthly meetings called "Around The Shadehouse". The first one will be led by Martin at our August meeting.

New Members

We warmly welcome the following new members, we hope that they will enjoy their time with us and learn lots about orchids. Please make them feel welcomed.

Nathan & Kate Cash - Novice
Jeannie Mingo - Novice
Keith Panton - Novice
Warren & Kim Sampson - Novice
Meli Galbraith - Novice

Raffle Tickets

After feedback from members on the raffle table at shows the Committee has decided to change the number of raffle tickets received from 6 for $5 to 3 for $5. for all shows starting with the Spring Show.

Meeting sales will remain as 6 for $5

Bunnings BBQ

We will be hosting a Bunnings BBQ on Saturday October 10th. As always we are looking for volunteers to help on the day and a roster will be circulated at the August meeting and again at the September meeting. Please consider putting your name down as it all helps the Society.

Spring Show

A roster will be circulated for the Spring Show helpers for Saturday September 5th.

Thinking Caps

Members will be asked at the August meeting for their thoughts on a theme for the 2027 S/W Regional Show & Conference that we will be hosting. We last hosted in 2011 and the theme was "From the Mountains to the Sea'" We won in Canberra last year and the theme was "Musicals, Stage or Screen" and we also won in 2023 at Cobargo with the theme "Australia in Poetry and Song". So put your thinking caps on.





EUROBODALLA ORCHID SOCIETY are holding a Workshop on Friday 11 th September at Moruya. The speaker will be Craig Miles talking about – 'Left Field growing for Paphiopedilums and other Orchids' which entails totally different ideas to thinking and growing. Also, 'Cool Growing Papua New Guinea Dendrobiums and their Hybrids'. The program starts at 11am and finishes at 2pm with lunch at 12noon. Plant Sales from 10.30 till 11am. Cost is $10

SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW SUPPLEMENT

Please read carefully

SPRING SHOW Saturday 5 September 9am – 3pm
BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Show Schedule for our **Spring** show is included with the **August** newsletter. Please read the schedule carefully and familiarise yourself with the rules.

You do not need to pre-register your entries, but you do need to fill in the Plant Entry form.

Entry Forms Your Entry Form is included with your newsletter. **Please have it filled with your plant names and classes and give it to the Benching Marshal when you have finished benching your plants.** ***These sheets are used for recording results so please enter plant names accurately and legibly.***
Benching **on Friday 4th September** will take place between ***2.00pm and 4.00pm at Bomaderry. Note that 4.00pm*** is the **finishing** time.

Benching **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY** When you arrive, please see the benching marshals, Brian or Martin, **BEFORE** you bench your plants. The benching marshals will tell you when it is time for you to bench your plants. A staging area will be available for members who need to leave before their plants can be benched. The marshals will bench them for you. Make sure you leave your benching cards with your plants. **Under no circumstances should you move other member's plant. If there is not enough space for your plant, please ask a Show Marshal for help**. If you are not sure which is the correct class, ask the show marshals or an Open grower. You will need to fill in a benching card for each exhibit with the plant name on the front and your name on the back. Place it in front of the pot on the side you want the plant to face the judges, i.e., its best aspect. You should also have a name tag concealed in the pot to ensure there is no confusion about ownership at pack-up time. Show benching cards will be available at the **August** meeting.

Helpers are required for selling raffle tickets, to provide security for our orchids and to be available to talk to the public. Please consider volunteering for a couple of hours to support the society. A roster will be circulated at the **August** meeting to enlist helpers.

Sales Table Members are reminded that the Society's commission on plant sales is 10%. Orchids, ferns and/or foliage plants **only** can be sold. Plants for sale should be healthy, free from pests and/or disease and well established in their pots. Members wishing to sell plants on the sales table must either:
• exhibit some plants in the show, **OR** • be rostered on to work at the show.

Sale of Benched Orchids Members may offer exhibited plants for sale, but these cannot be collected until the end of the show. ***For sale*** cards are available from the Sales Table team and members will need to give the Sales Table a list of plants and prices.

Sales of native orchids Members wishing to sell native orchids (species and hybrids) should refer to the NSW Native Orchid Information Guidelines. SOS Native orchid tags are available from the President.

Advertising posters will be distributed at the **August** meeting for display in local shops/noticeboards. Perhaps place one on your car window if it doesn't block your vision. Please help advertise our Show. Email newsletter members will be sent one that they are welcome to download.

Trophies A reminder for winners of the Champion trophies at the **2025 Spring Show** to **please return them to the August meeting** cleaned/polished ready to go on the Champions table at the Show.

Show sponsors Our generous sponsors deserve our support. Check your show schedule and keep the list of sponsors handy so that the next time you need supplies you can support the businesses that support us.

Opening/closing The Show will open at 9.00am on Saturday. The scheduled finishing time is **3.00pm**. *Please be on hand to pick up your plants promptly* or arrange for another member to collect your plants.

Donations of cakes, slices or biscuits for the volunteer workers would be appreciated.
Donations of plants suitable for giving to children who visit our show will also be most welcome.
Bags/boxes for the sales table are also welcome.

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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.

2026 Shoalhaven Orchid Society

What's On at a Glance

Committee Meetings 2026

Tuesday 4th August 10.00am

Society Meetings 2026

15th August - Martin on "Preparing for Spring,

21st September – Dylan Morrissey talking on Native Orchids of the South Coast

19th October- TBA

16th November- Jan Robinson - topic to be announced

15th December – Christmas Party/Presentations

Society Shows 2026

SOS Inc. Spring Show Saturday 5th September

SOS Inc. October Show Saturday 17th October

Society Coming Events

Native Orchid Walk- TBA

Potting Day- TBA

Society Get-Together -TBA

Other Society Shows

MUOS

Spring Show 12th – 13th September

BBOFS

South & West Regional Workshop -21st -22nd March

Spring Show 5th – 6th September

Native Show 17th-18th October

IDOS

Spring Show 12th September

October Show 24th October

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Growing Competition 2026

Please try to find and bring your growing competition plant. If you keep it with a distinctive coloured label it makes it easy to find.

Growing Competition plant to be brought in every 2nd month

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

March- Nil

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

May. Nil

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

July. *Nil*

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

September. - Nil

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

November. Nil

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

ORCHID EVENTS 2026

National Orchid Extravaganza – 7th – 9th August. The Arena Sports Club, Yagoona

St Ives Orchid Fair- 14th – 16th August. St Ives Showground, St Ives.

Australian Native Orchid Show, Revesby Workers Club – 5th September and 10th October

Orchids Central- 18th – 20th September Club Condell Park, Condell Pk.

OSNSW Summer Orchid Festival– 4th - 6th December Georges Hall Community Centre, Georges Hall