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# SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY

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Shoalhaven Orchid Society Inc.

## NEWSLETTER **MAY** 2024

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Lynne Phelan 2012, Allan Taylor 2014, Brian Phelan 2022.

**Next Meeting: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. 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.

### **CHARITY AUCTION**

We do not have a guest speaker this month as it is our auction of orchids and orchid-related paraphernalia to raise money for a local charity that helps support less fortunate members of our community.

This year our recipient will be **SHOALHAVEN KIDS IN NEED** who assist children and their families with acute and chronic medical conditions in the Shoalhaven. They provide financial support for accommodation costs, travel and emergency expenses. Assist with equipment purchases or respite care for families with disabled children. Quite often families are referred by local health workers and paediatricians.

Members are invited to donate any spare orchids or any orchid growing materials. There will be no plant sales on the sales table, but the usual orchid accessories will be available.

**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](mailto:john.clancy50@me.com).

**Topic for May:** Lynne Phelan will repot a *sarcochilus*.



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I hope all mothers have a lovely Mother's Day.

The get-together with MUOS held recently was enjoyed by everyone attending. Bruce and Michelle McIntosh were wonderful hosts. They grow a wide variety of orchids very well. Guest Speaker, Gordon Marion gave us all something to think about with the combination of fertilizer that he uses. It was a great day to socialize with our neighbouring society.

Our May meeting is our Charity Auction raising much needed funds for 'Shoalhaven Kids in Need'. The charity assists children and their families with acute and chronic medical conditions. Please support this worthy cause by donating some orchids to the auction.

The June meeting will be the first of our Saturday day – meetings. Our Guest Speaker will be Gary Hodder talking about 'Orchids for new Growers'.

See you at the next meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May.

Warm regards,

**Louise**

## **COMMITTEE NEWS ITEMS**

**Raffle Prizes.** Raffle prizes will increase to 10 prizes as the Society has a lot of tube stock at the moment.

**May Meeting Charity Auction.** Maximum of 6 healthy plants may be donated by members for the Auction. We are supporting **Shoalhaven Kids In Need** and all monies raised will be donated to the charity. This is a great opportunity to expand your collection of plants for a reasonable cost while supporting a worthy charity.

**Australian Orchid Foundation.** At the suggestion of Lynne Phelan the Committee discussed and decided to donate \$100 per annum to the AOF as they do great work in the preservation of orchids.

**Society Printer.** The time has come for the large (The Monster) society printer to go. It is no longer under contract. We are asking if any member knows of an organisation that would like it for free. It works and still has some ink but has run out of Magenta. Please speak to Lynne Phelan as it will be advertised for Free on-line.

**Bunnings BBQ.** The Society has been given Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup> to host a BBQ. Please put it in your diary as we require volunteers to help on the day. We are also still asking for 2 members to volunteer to help coordinate the BBQ's.

### **Thank you.**

Thank you to Ken and Leonie Coates who donated several plants for raffle prizes and many plants for the Auction and the Society.

<b>BENCHING RESULTS</b>		<b>Month</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Year 2024</b>
Class	Orchid Name		Name of Grower	
<b>JUNIOR</b> Orchid				
<b>NOVICE</b>				
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Dgma.</i> Winter Wonderland 'White Fairy'		D. Slye	
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Lc.</i> Intercepts 'Arctic Blue'		F. Flack	
Australian native hybrid/species	<i>Den.</i> Unknown		F. Flack	
Species	<i>Paph. spicerianum</i>		J. Cameron	
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Bulbo.</i> Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'		D. Slye	
<b>Novice Orchid of the Night</b>	<b><i>Paph. spicerianum</i></b>		<b>J. Cameron</b>	
<b>INTERMEDIATE</b>				
Species orchid	<i>Coelogyne fulginosa</i>		R. Wraight	
<b>Intermediate Orchid of the Night</b>	<b><i>Coelogyne fulginosa</i></b>		<b>R. Wraight</b>	
<b>OPEN</b>				
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph.</i> Glaucopar		W. Simmons	
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Mps.</i> Lillian Nakamoto 'Tanto'		M & S Montebello	
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> Yaya 'Victoria'		M & S Montebello	
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Lc. Den.</i> Unknown Little Susie 'Joy'		L. Gannon	
Vandaceous Hybrid	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown		G. Jonas	
Species	<i>Holcoglossum kimballianum</i>		L. Watkins	
Australian native hybrid	<i>Den.</i> Unknown		A. Van Bockel	
Australian native species	<i>Den. biggibum</i> var. <i>compactum</i>		R. Korber	
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Ctsm. pileatum</i> x Jumbo Heart		L. Watkins	
<b>Open Orchid of the Night</b>	<i>Catt.</i> Pink Empress		J. Clarke	
<b>Species of the Night</b>	<i>Holcoglossum kimballianum</i>		L. Watkins	
<b>Hybrid of the Night</b>	<i>Ctsm. pileatum</i> x Jumbo Heart		L. Watkins	
<b>Benching Marshal's Choice</b>	<i>Paph. charlesworthii</i>		W. Simmons	
<b>Growing Competition</b>	5pts. Brian Phelan, 3pts. Lynne Phelan, 1pt. John Cameron, Martin de Launey, Pauline de Launey, Sandra Ellis, Ron Findlater, Louise Gannon, Val Starling, Noelene Weatherby.			

#### Seedlings

1. ((C. Peach Cobbler x Waikiki Gold) x Caudebec)) x (C. Susan Holcombe x Caudebec4N) A. van Bockel.
2. *Holcoglossum kimballianum* L. Watkins.
3. *Onc.* Hawaiian Magic x *Onc.* Capalabar Queen L. Phelan

# JUDGING RESULTS FOR APRIL 2024

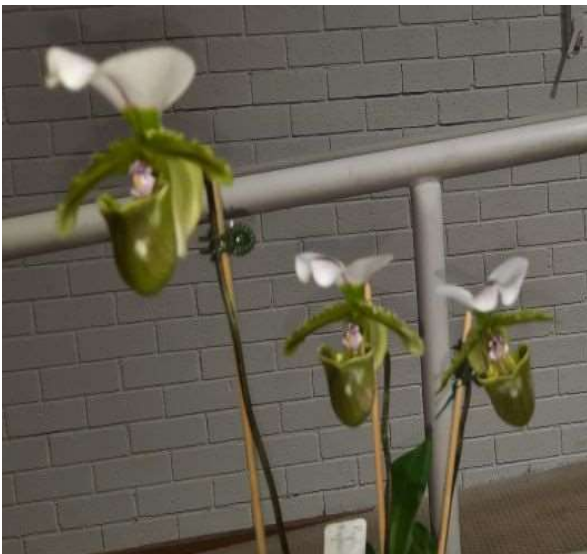
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL



**Open popular vote**  
*Catt. Pink Empress*  
J. Clark



**Intermediate Popular Vote**  
*Coel. fulginosa*  
R. Wraight



**Novice Popular Vote**  
*Paph.spicerianum*  
J. Cameron



**Best Species**  
*Holcoglossum kimballianum*  
L. Watkins



**Hybrid of the Night**  
*Ctstm. pileatum* x Jumbo  
Heart  
L. Watkins



**Benching Marshal's Choice**  
*Paph. chamberlainianum*  
W. Simmons

**ALSO BENCHED...**



## 2024 Shoalhaven Orchid Society

# What's on at a Glance

### Committee Meetings 2024

Tuesday 6 May 1.00pm

### Society Meetings 2024

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- TBA**

**16th Sept TBA**

**October - TBA**

**18th November - TBA**

**16th December - Christmas Party/Presentations**

### Society Events/Shows

**13 July** Winter Show - 9am -3pm

**31 August** Spring Show - 9am - pm

**19 October** October Orchid Show 9-3

Native Orchid Walk- TBA

Potting Day- TBA

### Other Orchid Events

Hawkesbury Race Club Clarendon

**Orchids Out West** – 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May

Hawkesbury Showground Clarendon

**Mingara Orchid Fair and Show** 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June.

**St Ives Orchid Fair** – 16-18 August

**Paphiopedilum and Cymbidium Show** 9-11 August

**Orchids Central, Club Condell Park** 4-6 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.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

July Spring Show 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>

September

#### BBOFS

Winter Show 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> July

Spring Show 31<sup>st</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> September

Native Show 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> October

#### IDOS

Winter Show 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July

Spring Show 7-8<sup>th</sup> September

#### CANBERRA

Spring Show 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September

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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 Françoise has the new cards.

**Library.** Books! Books! Books! Our society has many great books for Speak to Robin Gunter 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.**