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SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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SOCIETY INFORMATION

**VENUE: BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE
17 BIRRILEY STREET, BOMADERRY.**

NEXT MEETING

Monday 16 November. 7.00pm
Meeting room is open at 6.30pm *
Benching to be **finished** by 7.00pm.
Novice Corner 7.00 – 7.15pm
Popular Vote 7.15 – 7.30pm
Meeting opens 7.30pm.
* Many hands make for a quick set up/pack up.

GUEST SPEAKERS - Peter and Jane D'Olier
will be giving a talk on *Orchids of New Guinea*
at our 16th November meeting. Don't miss it!

GROWING COMPETITION

**November Cym. Arachnid LAST BENCHING and
Den. Australian Obsession Purple Paddle Pop x
Starsheen 'Botanic Fireworks'**

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Thank you for the feedback that you provided about my very first newsletter. It was greatly appreciated. I really enjoyed putting it together. I hope I can now say that I've now graduated to **red P's**

Members, please don't hesitate to let me know if you would like anything included in the newsletter. My email is above.



Bunning BBQ - A reminder about the Bunning BBQ we will be hosting on 8th November. More information to come.

WISH LIST



Looking for a special plant??

Email Teresa (email address above) with
Your Name, Phone number & plant name
and I will add it to our newsletter.

THE SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY MEETS ON THE **THIRD MONDAY** OF THE MONTH- at **7.00 PM** IN THE BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE, 17-19 BIRRILEY STREET, BOMADERRY.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At the time of writing this note we are having a nice drop of rain. Combine this with a bit of fertilizer and Springtime and you have the perfect combination for new growths in our orchids. Thank you to members who have volunteered to help at our Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 8th Nov. The BBQs are a great way of raising funds for our Society. I have found my rostered time goes quite quickly and I also enjoy having a few laughs along the way.

Please read the attached information regarding the proposed changes to our Constitution. Our Committee have spent time defining these changes and look forward to bringing them to our members for consideration at the November meeting.

Peter and Jane D'Olier will be our Guest Speakers for our Nov. meeting, talking on the orchids of New Guinea. There are certainly some spectacular orchids that have been discovered (and still discovering) there.

Warm regards,
Louise

CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

In addition to this newsletter you will receive a document outlining some proposed changes to the society's constitution. In accordance with our existing constitution, changes may only be made with the endorsement of two-thirds majority of eligible members present and voting at a general meeting. The committee's proposed changes will be explained and members asked to vote their acceptance at the November General Meeting.

DECEMBER MEETING

Members are advised that our final meeting of the year is on 21 December. Unfortunately, because of COVID 19 restrictions on venues, we will not be having a separate catered Christmas Party and Presentation Night this year. Annual presentations will be made at the December meeting and there will be a special festive supper for members. Members are invited to bring along festive finger food and the society will be providing some hot finger food. It would be lovely to see lots of our members attend keeping within our maximum capacity of 50 people. We will again have a supersized raffle as part our festivities at the December meeting. Members are invited to donate a wrapped (if appropriate) gift which could be an orchid or something edible, drinkable or other item to make a fellow member happy.



New Members

The society warmly welcomes new members **Rhonda Ditchburn** (Orient Point), **Gary Jonas** (Culburra Beach) and **Noelene Weatherby** (Orient Point). We hope you find our society friendly and helpful and that you enjoy our meetings and activities. Don't hesitate to approach a committee member if you have any questions or suggestions.



ATTENDANCE BOOK

Members and guests must sign the attendance book. This is required for insurance purposes.

If you don't sign, you're not covered.

Please sign beside your number given by the society.



Supper

While we are still operating under Covid 19 restrictions members should continue to bring their own cup/mug which you leave on the kitchen counter near the sign for the beverage of your choice – tea or coffee. The eats are provided by members on a voluntary basis and it seems to work if each member contributes a share plate to a few meetings each year.

COVID REGISTER

As well as signing the Attendance book, please also remember to sign the **COVID Register** and use the hand sanitiser provided when you arrive at the meeting.



LIBRARY

**Temporarily suspended
until further notice**

Jim Cootes - Orchids of the Philippines

For more than 25 years, Jim Cootes has been studying Philippine orchids, particularly in the wild, as an orchidologist in Mindoro, Philippines. He is a frequent lecturer and has written numerous articles for major orchid journals, magazines and books.

Jim has spent a lot of time in the jungles of the Philippines searching for and discovering new orchids, some of which have been named after him. Jim's presentation was very informative and members got the opportunity to see many orchids that they will not normally see. As our Guest Speaker, Jim spoke about the land clearing that occurs in the Philippines. Members had many questions to ask.

Thank you Jim for a very interesting and informative presentation.



NOVICE CORNER

Between 7pm and 7.15pm newer growers can speak to experienced grower. Any problem orchid for advice on? (Please bring it in plastic bag if you suspect it has a disease or pest problem.)

Remember, there's no such thing as a 'dumb orchid question'!

CATTLEYS - DIVIDING AND REPOTTING

John Clancy, our Novice Corner Coordinator, demonstrated splitting and repotting cattleyas.



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 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.



Don Hogan's presentation and the care and culture of **Thunias**



Don Hogan's Thunia after his presentation

Benching Results - October 2020

Category	Plant	Owner
JUNIOR		
NOVICE		
Australian native hybrid/species	<i>Sarc.</i> Unknown	F. Sikora
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Den.</i> Hanama Lake 'Dream'	F. Sikora
Novice Orchid of the Night	<i>Sarc.</i> Unknown	F. Sikora
INTERMEDIATE		
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. villosum</i>	G. Jonas
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> Chorus Girl 'Painted Lady'	J. Harriman
Australian native species/hybrid	<i>Sarc. hartmannii</i> x <i>S. fitzgeraldii</i> 'The Clown'	J. Harriman
Species orchid	<i>Den. fimbriatum</i>	S. Ellis
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Brsa. (Brassada)</i> Orange Delight 'Hilo Sunrise'	J. Clarke
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Rlc.</i> Rose Whisper 'Suisei'	G. Jonas
Cymbidium	<i>Cym.</i> Francie Porter 'Enid'	J. Clarke
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown	G. Jonas
Intermediate Orchid of the Night	<i>Cym.</i> Francie Potter 'End'	J. Clarke
OPEN		
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph.</i> Fumi's Delight	W. Simmons
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Masd.</i> Fire Water 'Red Butterfly'	B. Phelan
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> Fantasia 'King'	D. Hogan
Vandaceous	<i>Srts. (Sartylis)</i> Toowoomba Sparkle 'Hubba Bubba'	L. Gannon
Species	<i>Paph. sukhumulii</i>	W. Simmons
Australian native hybrid	<i>Sarc.</i> Settler's Sunshine	L. Phelan
Australian native species	<i>Sarc. olivaceus</i>	D. Hogan
Cymbidium	<i>Cym.</i> Kiwi Devonport 'Flying High'	R. Findlater
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Paph.</i> Lian Her Happy Song x <i>P.</i> Mammon	J. Clancy
Open Orchid of the Night	<i>Cym.</i> Kiwi Devonport 'Flying High'	R. Findlater
Orchid Species of the Night	<i>Mxl. (Maxillaria) haemataglossa</i>	L. Gannon
Orchid Hybrid of the Night	<i>Cym.</i> Kiwi Devonport 'Flying High'	R. Findlater
Growing Competition <i>Cym.</i> Khanebono 'Jacinta' x (Star Angel x Charisma)	1 st L. Cowell	-
<i>Cym.</i> Lancashire Khan 'Debonair'	-	-
I have checked some of the plant names and have used the accepted nomenclature where the spelling on the tag was different. You may wish to update your tag. If you think I have made an error in the recoding please let me know. Lynne (landb.phelan@gmail.com)		

JUDGING RESULTS FOR OCTOBER 2020

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL



Novice Orchid of the Night—Sarc. Unknown
- Francoise Sikora



Intermediate Orchid of the Night—Cymbidium Francie Porter 'Enid'
- John Clarke



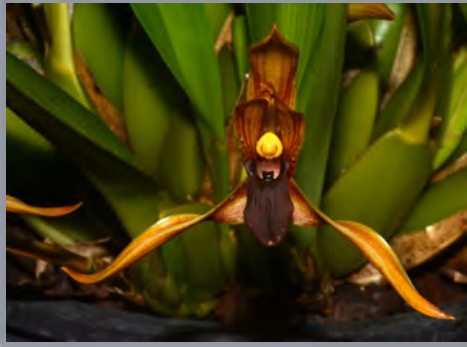
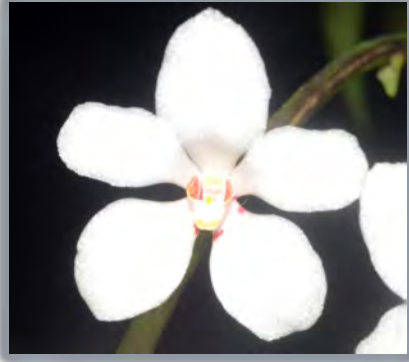
Open Orchid of the Night—Cymbidium Kiwi Davenport 'Flying High'
- Ron Findlater



Orchid Species of the Night—Mxl. (*Maxillaria*) haemataglossa
- Louise Gannon



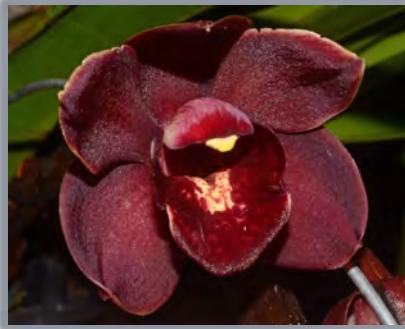
Sarc. Unkown - F. Sikora



Mxl. (Maxillaria) haemataglossa - L.Gannon



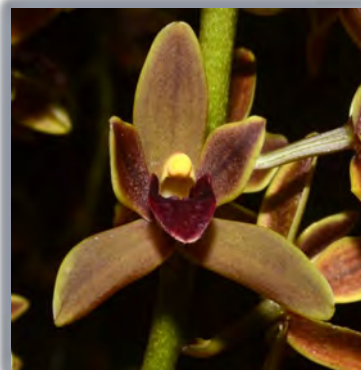
Cym. Francie Porter 'Enid' - J. Clarke



Cym. Cricket - G. Jonas



Cym. Kiwi Davenport, Flying High - R. Findlater



BENCHING YOUR ORCHIDS AT A MEETING.

The Benching Marshal thanks members for ensuring that benching was completed in a timely manner at recent meetings. Please make sure all plants are benched in their correct sections **before 7.00pm**. If you are not sure where to put a plant please ask Don or another Open grower. If you are bringing in lots of plants please arrive early so you have time to complete benching before 7.00pm.

ANNUAL SEEDLING COMPETITION This is an annual competition and it allows members to bench seedling orchids from any genera that flower at different times throughout the year.

This has been a very unusual year so we only have seedlings for the months we have been able to meet and Yvonne Young has photographed those that have been benched. The photos from February to October will be displayed at the November meeting, alongside any seedlings benched in November and members attending the November meeting will vote for the Best Seedling for 2020.

For voting you will find one gold star in with your Popular Vote counters: put in the cup for the seedling orchid you think was the best benched this year.

The winner will be announced at the Presentation Night in December. Any seedlings benched in December 2020 will be included in the 2021

WHAT MAKES A GOOD SEEDLING?

For a seedling to be 'good' it should carry the best or better characteristics from its parent orchids. Just as children can inherit different characteristics from either parent – Dad's curly hair or Mum's lumpy nose – so orchid seedlings ('offspring' of the hybrid cross) can carry different aspects of their parent plants. A hybridiser's job is to choose good quality parents so the likelihood of the offspring manifesting superior genes is optimised. They will look for parents with, for example, flowers that have good shape/size, long racemes, a big flower count, good colour/patterning, self-supporting inflorescences, and/or good texture or substance, etc. which they hope will be passed on to the offspring.

***Mericlone** is a method of producing orchids by meristem propagation which is achieved by removing tissue from the parent orchid to produce new plants. These little plants are NOT seedlings. Orchids created using this method are exact copies of the parent orchid, and it is commonly used to mass produce a particular species or hybrid. It is usually a mericlone orchid that you will purchase in garden centres. If a little orchid has a cultivar name, i.e. that part written in single quotation marks (*Paph. Oliver Twist 'Dickens'*), then it cannot be a seedling as only vegetative propagations of this plant – divisions, keikis or mericlones – can carry that cultivar name.

WHAT IS A SEEDLING

A seedling is an orchid grown from seed. Once an orchid flower is pollinated, it will produce a seed pod with thousands of seeds contained within it. The seeds are so small they actually look like dust when dispersed. These seeds can be germinated in sterile laboratory conditions, but can also take years to grow. Seedling orchids are different to mericlone* orchids because they will not be identical to the parent plant. There is a genetic lottery with seedling orchids; no two seeds will develop the same way. Seedling orchids are usually created when growers wish to produce a new hybrid.



October Benching



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SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY INC
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY 19th October 2020
HELD AT
BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Meeting opened 7.30pm.

President, Louise Gannon welcomed all members, visitors and a warm welcome was extended to our guest speaker Jim Cootes. She also reminded everyone to be sure that they have signed the Covid attendance sheet and our society attendance book, maintain social distancing and use hand sanitiser supplied where appropriate.

Apologies: Robyn Gunter, Noelene Weatherby, Rhonda Ditchburn, Martin & Pauline De Launey, John & Belinda Wakefield

Attendance: 32 Members Visitors: 2

Acceptance of Minutes for the September meeting as printed in the October newsletter were correct:

Moved B. Phelan. 2nd J. Clancy that minutes be accepted

Correspondence: As Read. Moved F. Sikora. 2nd T. Bourke that correspondence be accepted.

Treasurers Report: As Read. Moved D. Slye. 2nd L. Cowell that Treasurer's report be accepted.

The Committee Report, Treasurer's Report and Correspondence are all up on the easel for members to view.

W.H.S. Report: Nil

Novice Corner: John Clancy took novice corner where he demonstrated the technique for dividing a cattleya and repotting. One plant became 4. An informative demonstration. Thank you, John.

Don also demonstrated what to do with a thunia that has come out of dormancy and is starting to shoot. The old canes were removed and cut up into pieces that some members were able to take home to plant in an attempt to strike them into a new growth. Thank you, Don

New Members: Louise welcomed Garry Jonas to the front to receive his welcome pack and plant. Congratulations Garry. We also welcome Noelene Weatherby and Rhonda Ditchburn who were not present but will receive their welcome packs at the next meeting.

Louise spoke to members about the committee's work on making some changes to the constitution. The proposed changes will be sent out with the November newsletter for members consideration and then the changes will be tabled at the November general meeting for voting.

After the success of the mini auction fundraiser that was held, some members indicated that they would like to see one held each year. All committee members agreed. Louise put to members that they should let committee know what charity they would like to see supported next year.

The normal society auction will still be held annually as well. From tonight members will be able to pay their annual membership for 2021. This can be by cash or cheque given to our Treasurer or by direct deposit into the Society's bank account. 2021 Bishop discount cards are not yet ready.

Louise then welcomed Jim Cootes to the front for his presentation on "Orchids of the Philippines". Following Jim's presentation Louise presented him with a token of the committee and members thanks.

We broke for supper with Louise reminding everyone to hand sanitise and social distance.

Louise thanked Suzanne and Brian for serving supper and also thanked everyone who brought along some supper for the evening.

Committee has decided that because of COVID, this year's Christmas Party/Presentation night will be held at our December meeting on 21st December. With COVID restrictions still in force we are only permitted 50 people in the hall which will mean that members' partners may not be able to attend, but this may change. Louise asked for a show of hands of members who may attend. A good number of members showed interest in attending. Members may be asked to register their interest. Unfortunately, no alcohol is permitted in the hall. Members will be asked to bring a plate of food and the Society will order some finger food and dessert. Further details to come.

There will again be a giant raffle held and Richard Korber will give a short talk on "Insect and Fly Eating Plants"

Bunnings are again holding fundraising BBQs. Yvonne and Sandra to enquire about a possible date for the Society. Sandra reminded members volunteers are always needed.

Benching Results: As published in the monthly Benching Results in our November newsletter.

Growing Competition: As published in the monthly Benching Results in our November newsletter.

There was a total of 114 plants and 1 growing competition plant benched tonight.

Badge Draw: Winner Yvonne Young

Raffle Winners: L. Cowell, T. Bourke, M. Martin, R. Korber x 2, J. Clarke, R. Findlater, G. Jonas, B. Smythe, T. Gablonski, P. Harrington x 2, Y. Young and F. Sikora

Louise reminded members that November's meeting will be the last benching for this year's points as our new benching year starts at the December meeting.

Thank you Lynne and Brian for bringing in the projector.

Thank you Diane for manning the raffle table and Covid/attendance books.

Thank you Sandra, Lynne and Don for doing the counting.

Thank you Alan, Sandra and Yvonne for doing the photography.

Thank you everyone that arrived early to help set up, and everyone that stays behind to help clean up. Many hands do make light work.

Next month's meeting will be held on Monday 16th November and our guest speakers are Jane and Peter D'Olier talking about *Orchids of New Guinea*.

Louise wished everyone a goodnight and a safe trip home.

Meeting ended 9.20pm.

2020 Shoalhaven Orchid Society *What's On at a Glance*

Committee Meeting 2020

3rd November 2020

1st December 2020

2020 Program & Guest Speakers

16 November - Peter and Jane D'Olier – Orchids of New Guinea

21 December - Richard Korber - Carnivorous Plants, good companion plants for orchids

21 December - Annual Presentation Night and Giant Raffle

Growing Competition 2020

Note that we will be benching more than one orchid at each meeting so please bring them all in according to the following schedule. If we get another growing comp. plant during the year we will add it to the schedule.

November *Cym. Arachnid* **LAST BENCHING** and *Den. Australian Obsession Purple Paddle Pop* x Starsheen 'Botanic Fireworks'

December *Den. Australian Obsession Purple Paddle Pop* x Starsheen 'Botanic Fireworks' and *Sarc. Elegance 'Super'* x *S. Sweetheart 'Speckles'*.
FIRST BENCHING



BUNNING BBQ - The Society will host a barbeque at Bunnings on **Sunday 8th November**. Sandra will send you more information.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Members are now able to renew their membership for 2021. Membership dues remain at **\$30 Family**, **\$20 Single** and **\$10 Partner of Life Member**.

Payment can be made at a General Meeting, by cheque to the Society (address at the top) or by direct deposit to **Shoalhaven Orchid Society, BSB 062585, Account No. 10263191**.

Please remember to include your name in the 'description' if you are making a direct deposit so we know who it's from.

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50% green shade cloth brand new, approx 16 metres x 3.66 metres . Please contact **Francoise Sikora** for price by email or phone."



Yvonne Young - *Cym. Street Tango* 'Ooh Ah'

IMPORTANT

IMPORTANT NOTICE

about your Bishop's 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. Treasurer Diane will have the new cards when they're ready.

P **PARKING AT BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

A reminder to members that the two parking spaces nearest to the rear door of the Community Centre are reserved for our less mobile members.



Lynne's Private Sarc Show