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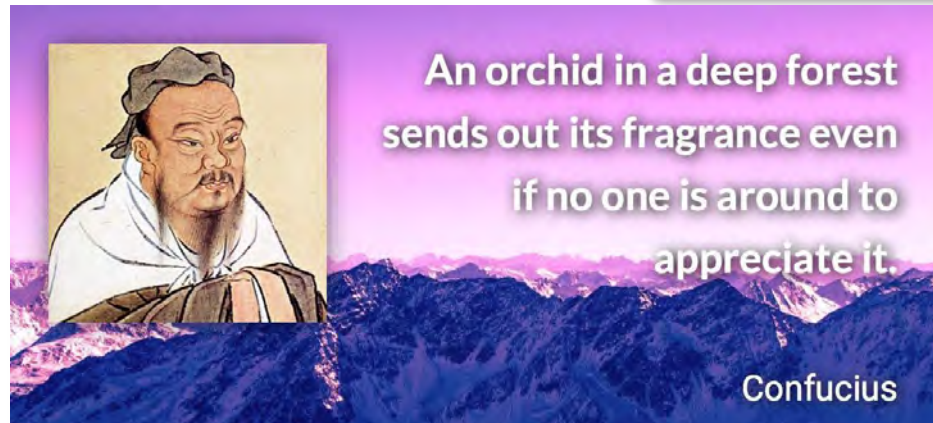
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September 2021



SOCIETY INFORMATION

VENUE: BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE
17 BIRRILEY STREET, BOMADERRY.

NEXT MEETING - CANCELLED

~~Saturday 20 September~~ 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 September General Meeting to be held
on Monday 20th September has been
CANCELLED
due to extended COVID restrictions

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.

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.



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

RESTRICTIONS EXTENDED !



Sadly, lockdown restrictions are extended!

But look on the bright side, we have so much more time to look after our orchids! By the time we come out of lockdown, they will be **SPECTACULAR!**

Also remember to reach out to other members who may be in need of someone to have a chinwag with. Look after yourselves and each other in these unprecedented times.

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



Covid is still causing havoc throughout our country. For us in the Shoalhaven area the lockdown limits us all as to what we can do and where we can go. It can be a very stressful and anxious time especially for people of all ages who live by themselves. If you know someone living alone, it might be a good time to ring and check that they are ok.

Our September meeting has been cancelled and our Roving Day has been postponed to another time. We were all looking forward to our visit to 3 members shade-houses and the BBQ afterwards. At our first opportunity the committee will organise it once again.

It remains to be seen whether our Oct. Meeting and Show (23rd Oct.) will be going ahead. Our Committee will rely on the Covid information available at the time.

Thank you members for emailing photos to our Editor, Teresa, of your lovely flowering orchids. There were some real beauties there!

Our Facebook page is looking impressive with member's photos of their beautiful orchids. Richard's recent post of his Paphiopedilums and hybrid Aust. natives was amazing. I have also enjoyed photos from Gary Jonas, Noelene, Helen & Garry, Diane, John Harriman, Brian Shelvey, John Cameron, John Clarke, Bede, Val, Francoise and Yvonne. Noelene's photo displaying her Den. speciosum in her garden has given me an idea for my D. specs. I knew mine were not show bench quality after last year seeing Ron Findlater's beautiful flowering collection of D. speciosums. Mine will now be placed in my garden, where I hope they will make a beautiful display.

Our Secretary Francoise has secured a NSW Government Grant for our Society. The Grant will pay for our recent purchase of new corflute signs and update changes to our show banners. Well done, Francoise.

The purchase of our next Growing Comp. plant in memory of Phil Harrington has been placed on hold for the moment. It will go ahead when we can find a suitable orchid and when we can once again travel, allowing for pick up.

For all of us orchid lovers, Spring is a great time of year to do some repotting and to give your plants a general tidy up. There is an abundance of all types of flowers around. I particularly like seeing all the new fresh growths appearing, not only on my orchids but the trees as well.

Enjoy these lovely Spring days,

Warm regards,

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.

Roving Day

Our Roving Day is scheduled for **Saturday 25th September** (COVID permitting).

We will be visiting three members' shade houses. First up will be at Brian and Lynne Phelan's place with morning tea served, then onto John Harriman's place and finishing at John Clancy's place with a BBQ lunch in the park across the road. This is all pending the Covid



Postponed

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.

RE-PRINT OF THE 'FIFTY GOLDEN YEARS 1956 – 2006' BOOK

by Alan Stephenson

With updates: 2007 – present by Lynne Phelan

Since our humble beginning 65 years ago, there have been many interesting times, events and many fine members who have given so much along the way to ensure that our society moves forward and flourishes today.

Thank you to our original editor, Alan Stephenson and more recently Lynne Phelan who has updated our history from 2006 to 2021. After requests from members to reprint the book the committee made enquires as to its printing. I am pleased to say to keep the cost down, Lynne has been able to successfully print it on our Society printer using an original copy, with the result being a very good reproduction.

Having to print in colour instead of black and white increased the cost up a bit but the end result of clearer print and pictures etc. made it very worthwhile. Officeworks did the binding, resulting in a nice presentation of the book.

Twenty copies have been printed and will be offered to members at the next General Meeting for the price of \$15.

Thank you so much Lynne for taking on this challenge and giving up your spare time to print this book for the enjoyment of our members.

We are so fortunate to have the history of our Society now in one book and all up-to-date. Let's keep our history going!

Louise Gannon



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.

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.

Vanda (Syn. Neofinetia) falcata

Lynne Phelan



One of my favourite orchids (Could anyone possibly have just **one** favourite orchid?) is the miniature growing *Vanda falcata*. This elegant, cool-growing orchid hails from the cooler areas of China, Korea and Japan where it has a very long history of cultivation. Its name in Japanese is *fu-ran* meaning 'wind orchid'. As the name suggests, these orchid like plenty of air movement, especially around the roots which, as you can see from the photos, like to roam free of the container. In its natural habitat *V. falcata* grows on rocks or deciduous trees where it gets full winter sun but shade in summer.

V. falcata has the typical monopodial stem and fan shaped leaves of vandaceous orchids and I find it readily develops into clumps with multiple growths. The delicate flowers have a long spur like the African angraecums and the orchid was mistakenly included in that group when it flowered in England in the early 1800s. The flowers are pure white and have a lovely fragrance, particularly at night, designed to attract its nocturnal pollinator. There is supposed to be a pink form which I covet but the two that I have bought that were labelled 'pink' both turned out to be pristine white. Grrr!

The other common name for this orchid is the 'Samurai Orchid' as apparently once it was only allowed to be owned by aristocratic Samurai families as a symbol of their nobility and wealth. In Japan it is cultivated atop a mound of sphagnum moss and sometimes the plant is prized more for its variegated leaves than the flowers themselves. (The picture at the right is from the internet.) I tried this method with the plant at the top but over time it has become a jungle and I'm not sure how I'm going to tackle it. I also grow it in a clear pot (below) in a mix of bark, perlite and some chopped up sphagnum moss.



V. falcata usually flowers in the summer but I find it often flowers more than once a year. It needs a winter rest when fertiliser is withheld and watering is reduced. It has been used extensively in intergeneric hybrids and *Ascofinetia* Cherry Blossom (*Ascocentrum ampullaceum* x *Neofineta falcata*) is often available from orchid vendors. This compact little gem rarely exceeds 120mm and tolerates a wide range of conditions and I think it is well worth a place in every orchid collection.

Do you have a favourite orchid? Why not tell our editor about it so she can share it with us.

Wagga Wagga Orchid Society

Spring Show

27 September 2020

Cancelled

Virtual Benching

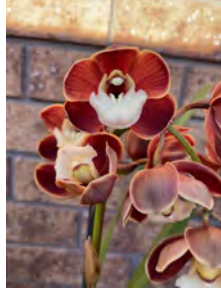
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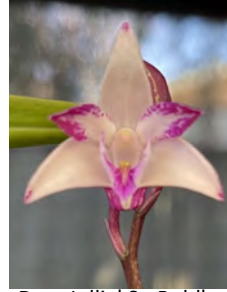
Cym. Khan Flame 'Tuscany'



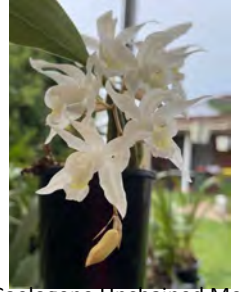
Cym. Anna Szabo 'Geyserland'



Cym. Red Pepper 'Janice'



Den. Jullia 'So Bold' x
Vlc. Flare 'Solid Violet' Lip



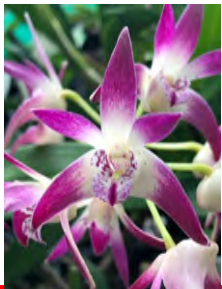
Coelogene Unchained Melody
'Alba'

Teresa Bourke

INTERMEDIATE



Cym. Valley Splash
'Awesome'



Class 'Windsor
Downs'



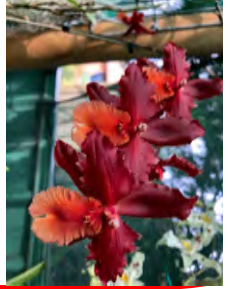
Sarc. Falcatus
'Orange Blossom'



Cym. Vogel's Magic
'Waikanae'

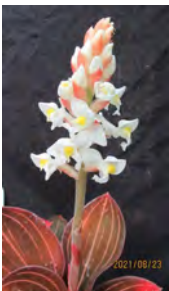


Onc. Twinkle
Francoise Sikora



Wil. Pacific
Perspective 'Pacific'

OPEN



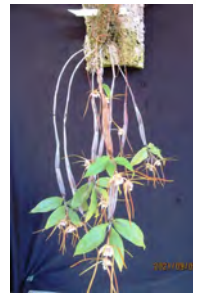
Ludisia discolor



Ludisia discolor



Sarcochilus facata.



Lynne Phelan

Virtual Benching

OPEN



C. Chief Gem 'J' x Rlc Sebastian Scalia 'Red Glory' x C. Angel Flare



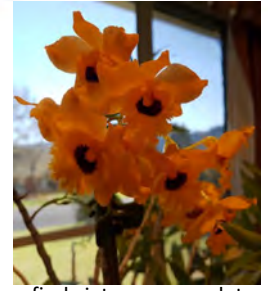
C. Sebastian Scalia 'Red Glory' x C. Angel Flare 'Cynthia'



Cym. Gwen Thomas 'Elan'

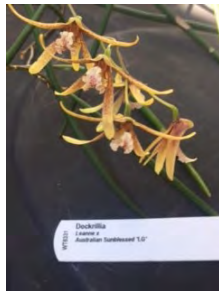


Den. Dream Angel 'Orange'



Den fimbriatum var oculatum
Yvonne Young

Don Hogan



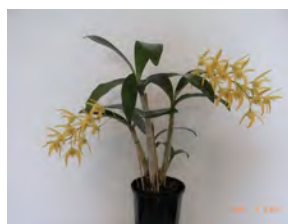
John Clancy



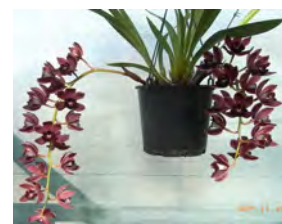
Den. Class 'Bullio'



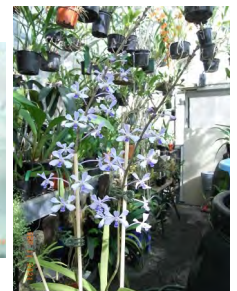
Den. 'Hilda Poxon'



Den. 'Australian Goldrush' (seedling - first flowering)

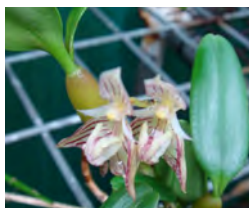


Cym. Ruby Pendant 'Red Cascade'

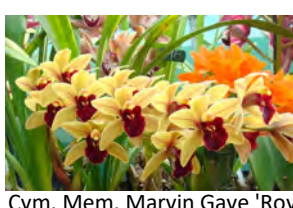


Vanda coerulea

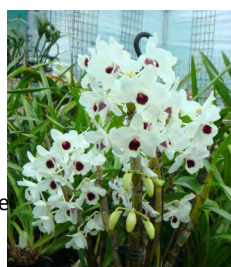
Ken Coates



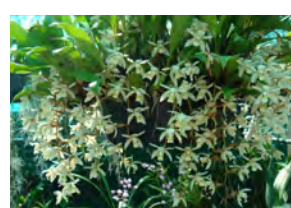
Bulb. ambrosia



Cym. Mem. Marvin Gaye 'Royale'



Den. Yukidaruma 'King'



Coelogene flaccida



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

Louise Gannon

Virtual Benching

OPEN



Sharyon Wynn



Gary Jonas



Noelene Weatherby

DO WE HAVE ENOUGH ORCHIDS TO SEE US THROUGH LOCKDOWN??

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?

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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

~~20th September~~ - Cancelled

18th October

15th November

SOCIETY SHOWS 2021

SOS Inc. ~~Winter Show~~ - Cancelled

SOS Inc. ~~Spring Show~~ - Cancelled

SOS Inc. **October Show** TBA

COMING EVENTS

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

August - ~~Charity Orchid Auction~~ - Postponed

2021 GUEST SPEAKERS

October - Gavin Curtis - *Callista dendrobiums*

November - Gary Hart - *Paphiopedilums*



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

