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SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



Cymbidium Shoalhaven 'Touch of Class'

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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Thank you to our Committee and members who worked on our Bunnings BBQ recently.

Although we mentioned early that the roster was full, the shifts were quite long. Next time we will try for shorter shifts and more members attending.

I am sure all our best wishes go to our dear member Eti Asplin, who underwent surgery recently. As you know Eti was the Editor for our Newsletter until recently. If any member is interested in being the Editor, please speak to me or a Committee person.

Our Guest Speaker for September is Gerry Walsh – the Rock Lily Man - if you have a moment, google him. The ABC Gardening show did a segment on his native orchids, growing area and repotting of *Den. speciosum*. After watching the program, you will never be gentle again when repotting your *Den. speciosum*s when you see his technique.

In August I attended the Cymbidium Show at Dural which also included the orchids of the Sydney Paphiopedilum Society. Both displays were stunning and were worthwhile attending.

My favourite show of the year has always been the Spring Show. It's the time of the year when many orchids are in flower, especially our Australian Native Orchids; their amazing colours of yellows and pinks, and the flowers, which exude that intoxicating perfume – I just love it!

The South & West Biennial Orchid Show has been mentioned at our last few meetings. It will be held on the long weekend in October at Moruya. At least 5 of our members will be attending and doing a Society display, with the theme being – Nature's Way. We are hoping members will lend to us their quality plants for the display. More about this later.

I hope you all enjoy our Spring Show.

Warm regards, Louise.

SOCIETY NEWS

**VENUE: BOMADERRY BOWLING CLUB,
154 MEROO ROAD, BOMADERRY.**



Hello from your Acting Editor,

I am filling in for Eti and I know I speak for all our members when I say that we wish Eti all the best with her treatment and hope she has a speedy recovery so that it will not be too long before she sits in the Editor's chair again.

Lynne Phelan

NEXT MEETING Monday 16 September. 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.

GUEST SPEAKER

Tonight's guest speaker is **Gerry Walsh, 'The Rock Lily Man'**. Rock lily is a common name for *Dendrobium speciosum* and this is perfect timing as they are approaching peak flowering time. Come and enjoy Gerry's talk on Australian natives.

GROWING COMPERITION

Cymbidium Joan Bryant 'Keen'. Can you find yours?

THE SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY MEETS ON THE **THIRD MONDAY** OF THE MONTH- at **7.00 PM** IN THE BOMADERRY BOWLING CLUB, 154 MEROO ROAD, BOMADERRY.

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WISH LIST

Looking for a special plant??
Email Lynne (front page for address)
with

Your Name, Phone number & plant name
and I will add it to our newsletter.

See Back Page for your Wishes...

Attendance Book

Members and guests to sign the attendance book.
Required for insurance purposes
Don't sign, you're not covered. Please sign beside
your number given, by the society.

Special reminder Re: Newsletter Distribution... If
you know someone who *hasn't received* the
monthly SOS Newsletter, please contact Lynne or
Suzanne a.s.a.p to have it rectified.

Workshop Novices Corner

Between 7pm and 7.15pm newer growers can
speak to experienced grower. **September speak-
er Lynne**, talking on 'Understanding orchid
names'.

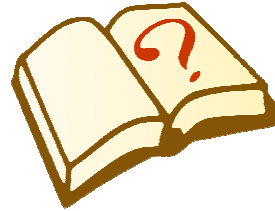
Any problem orchid for advice on? (Please bring it
in plastic bag if you suspect it has a disease or
pest problem.) Remember there's no such thing
as a 'dumb orchid question'!

GARAGE SALE

Alan Stephenson is selling some of his Australi-
an Native Orchids, on Sat./Sun. 14th- 15th Sept. 43
McKay Street, East Nowra.

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



LIBRARY
Books To Borrow!
Come & see!!
Robin Gunter

Name tags Some members have been forgetting
to include a tag with the owner's name in their
plants on the display benches. Please make sure
you have your name on the reverse of the plant's
label or on a separate label in the pot. The judges
are also having difficulty reading some of the plant
names so everyone is asked to ensure that the la-
bels are clear and accurately printed. The 'OK' one
below would have been '**GOOD**' if Soph. briergeri
had been underlined to denote its species status.



Everyone gets the chance to have a cuppa and a chat, to check out the library and to look at the orchids on the
display benches during the supper break.

Benching Results for August 2019

Category	Plant	Owner
JUNIOR		
NOVICE		
Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Willanga Regal</i> 'Red Velvet Glow'	Garry Douglass
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Wils. Toscona</i>	Garry Douglass
Aust. Native Species/ Hybrid	<i>Den. Victorian Splendour</i>	Francois Sikora
Novice Orchid of the Night	<i>Wils. Toscona</i>	Garry Douglass
INTERMEDIATE		
Aust. Native Species/ Hybrid	<i>Den. Starsheen</i> 'Terracotta' x <i>Aussie Parade</i> 'Darkside'	Helen Douglass
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Beallara Red Stirbic</i>	Helen Douglass
Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Gentle Touch</i> 'Bon Bon'	Helen Douglass
Intermediate Orchid of the Night	<i>Beallara Red Stirbic</i>	Helen Douglass
OPEN		
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. Nitens</i>	Don Hogan
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Oda. Eric Young</i> '495' x <i>Oda. Eric Young</i> 'Toms'	Brian Phelan
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Lc.</i> (Mildred Rives x <i>C. Intermedia</i> x <i>Blc. Chyona Gavv</i> (Linnet))	Ken Coates
Vandaceous Species	<i>Phal. amabilis</i> <i>Dendrochilum tenellum</i>	Brian Phelan Lawrie Cowell
Australian native species	<i>Den. speciosum</i> 'Two Up' x Windemere	Alan Stephenson
Australian native hybrid	<i>Den. Ellen</i>	Ken Coates
Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Cronulla</i> 'The Ghan'	Ken Coates
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Coel. Unchained Melody</i>	Don Hogan
Open Orchid of the Night	<i>Phal. amabilis</i>	Brian Phelan
Orchid Species of the Night	<i>Phal. amabilis</i>	Brian Phelan
Orchid Hybrid of the Night	<i>Masd. Copper Angel Wings</i>	Brian Phelan
Growing Competition	1st Lawrie Cowell	No 2nd



Lawrie Cowell's fine species, *Dendrochilum tenellum*.

Our Librarian, Robin Gunter, admiring the native orchids on display.

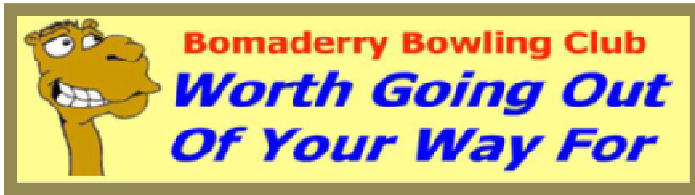


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Don Hogan benched some lovely orchids including *Coelogyne Unchained Melody* and *Paphiopedilum Nitens*. Well done, Don!



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Ken Coates also benched some great plants with his lovely *Den*. Ellen and *Cym*. Cronulla 'The Ghan'. Thanks, Ken.



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BENCHING WINNERS FOR AUGUST 2019

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL



Open Popular Vote and Best Species
Phalaenopsis amabilis
Brian Phelan



Intermediate Popular Vote
Beallara Red Stirbic
Helen Douglass



Novice Popular Vote
Wilsonara Toscona
Garry Douglass



Best Hybrid
Masdevallia Copper Angel Wings
Brian Phelan

Thanks to Alan Stephenson for the really good photos; the really not-so-good one is mine. Lynne

**Minutes of the August General Meeting – held at 1.00 pm on Monday
19 August 2019 - Bomaderry Bowling Club**

NOVICE CORNER commenced at 1.00 pm: Brian Phelan presented an information session on pests, which was well attended by 8-10 people.

MEETING COMMENCED at 1.35pm

President Louise Gannon welcomed members and guests to our last Day Meeting for the year. A special welcome to our Guest Speaker for today, Peter Stubbs, and his wife Annette. Peter will be talking on 'Orchids of Borneo'.

Visitors: 4 Members: 27 Apologies: Eti Asplin, Jilly Hampshire, Stephanie Brkic, Graeme and Pam Chapman

The **July General Meeting Minutes** that were printed in the August Newsletter were correct.

Moved: Brian Phelan, Seconded: John Clancy

CORRESPONDENCE : Moved Suzanne Knight, Seconded Robin Gunter that the correspondence be accepted. The **August Committee meeting notes** are on the board at the front.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Moved by Tom Gablonski, Seconded Ken Coates, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented to the meeting. Expected Bank Statement Balance was \$11,248.40 A breakdown of expenses for the Bunnings BBQ was given.

O.H.S. REPORT: There was nothing specific reported and when members were asked if they needed anything reported, there was nil response at this time.

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome renewed members – Marilyn and Neville Higgins, Trevor and Pam Hughes, and new members – Stephanie Brkic, Jan Angus, Jilly Hampshire and Martin de Launey. Welcome packs and orchids were presented for Jan and Stephanie.

BUNNINGS BBQ 18 August 2019: Thank you to Sandra Ellis and Yvonne Young for organising the day, and also the hard workers who were mainly Committee members except for Alan and Michelle Stephenson. All members present expressed their appreciation for the effort.

This may be our only BBQ for the year as many clubs are all vying for a weekend spot to hold a Bunnings BBQ.

We were able to sell Raffle Tickets for our show which raised: \$118.00.

SPRING SHOW: This show will be held on 31 August to 1 September, with setting up on Friday 30 August from 1.30 pm. Please contact our Show Registrar Françoise on Wednesday 28 August, by phone or preferably by email up to 8pm.

All your lovely flowering orchids are needed to make a spectacular display, and once again we will have the table at the front for flowering plants that you may not have owned for 6 months but would still like to show,

but they will not be judged.

The show roster was passed around for members to record their preferred times to assist. Small bundles of raffle tickets were passed around for members to sell prior to the show if possible - \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Return them sold or unsold to Treasurer Tom on the sales table during the show. The prizes are great –

First Prize: 2 flowering cymbidium orchids

Second Prize: A family pass to the Shoalhaven Zoo – thank you to Phil Harrington for arranging this for us.

Third Prize: 1 flowering cymbidium orchid

Lucky Door Prize: 1 flowering cymbidium

To be able to sell orchids on the Sales Table members must have benched orchids at the Show. If members don't have anything to bench, they can do work in lieu. All sales must go through the Sales Table.

Any member wanting to sell NSW Native orchids at the Spring show must fill out the appropriate paperwork and have the correct information on the tags attached to the plants. Information was circulated to members by email some weeks ago. Before these plants go onto the sales table they must be checked by either Ron Findlater or Phil Harrington.

Show flyers could be taken home to the areas you live in and ask the shopkeepers if they could display them. Or possibly put one in the window of your car.

One of dear members – Eti Asplin has received some bad news regarding her health and while she is undergoing treatment she will not be able to attend our meetings. I am sure everyone wishes her well. Members requested that a card be sent to Eti.

Eti is our newsletter Editor and has done a wonderful job since taking it on, but she can no longer do it.

Members were asked to take on this role - someone who has some computer knowledge. You will have support from the Committee. Please speak to President Louise after the meeting if you can assist.

WEBSITE: We have managed to get some of the old information off the website but to get it up and running in a professional way we have to go from a 2 page website to a 7 or 8 page website. This could possibly require a web page designer, one of which has already given us a quote for \$1500. We don't have that amount of money to spend and members were asked if anyone here today would know how to create a website. Member Ken Coates has offered to maintain it after being shown what to do.

The Biennial South and West Regional Orchid Show is being held in Moruya on the first weekend in October. There has been some interest shown from our Society in attending and putting on a display. The display would be up to 2m x 2m with a theme of 'Nature's Way' with orchids, ferns etc. needed. By a show of hands from members who would like to attend from set-up on Friday to pull down on Sunday or part thereof the following responded: F Sikora, S Ellis, L & B Phelan, L Gannon.

R Findlater, J Clancy and A Stephenson indicated that

they would be able to lend their orchids for our display. The organisers will be advised very soon that we are going to take part.

Earlier in the year, members June and Alan Soden gave to our society their remaining orchid plants. A few have been used in a society potting demonstration at a meeting before the weather got too cold to re-pot, some went into raffles and some were repotted by Louise at home earlier in the year. Many of the orchids were not in a good way when we picked them up, but hopefully with Spring just around the corner they will send out some new growths. As they improve you will see them in raffles or on the sales table.

Recently the President collected some orchids from a contact of Eti's. Once repotted and established they will be used for raffles or placed on the sales table.

You have to be very careful when you have been offered plants from members of the public. You have to inspect them carefully as to whether they have scale, insects or worse, virus. If you do bring some home keep them separate from your own orchids for a while.

The Guest Speaker, Peter Stubbs, gave an informative talk on the orchids of Borneo and was able to tell the members where and how some of them grow in Australia.

CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER PLANNING: For the past few years the function has been held at the Nowra Ex-services Club for a buffet dinner. Members indicated that they would like to return there again if there is no other suitable location suggested.

There are many Shows coming up and members are recommended to check the OSNSW Website to see which ones they might like to attend. Brochures/flyers had been received from Canberra, Eurobodalla/Moruya and Southern Highlands Mittagong show organisations.

Alan Stephenson advised that he is having an orchid sale at his home on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September. These will be Australian Native Orchids. The address is 43 McKay Street, Nowra.

RESULTS ON ORCHIDS BENCHED TONIGHT – LYNNE PHELAN

Novice: Gary Douglass

Intermediate: Helen Douglass

Open: Brian Phelan

Best Species: Brian Phelan

Best Hybrid: Brian Phelan

LUCKY BADGE DRAW: Ron Findlater

RAFFLE WINNERS: Lynne, Louise, Dennis, Don, Val, Ken and Therese

Members were reminded that meetings are back to the 7pm start in September. The day-time meetings will recommence in Winter 2020.

MEETING ENDED at 3.40 pm

South and West Regional Orchid Show

The Shoalhaven Orchid Society will be participating in the regional show at Moruya on the first weekend in October. A small number of members has volunteered to take members' orchids down and set up a display on behalf of the society. As we have limited space to transport the orchids and display materials it is unlikely that we will be able to fill a 2m x 2m space but we hope that our display will showcase some of our members best orchids.

Members who have healthy orchids that are in flower and in good benching condition are invited to have them included in the display. All orchids benched will be eligible for judging. We will also need ferns and foliage plants to 'dress' our display. Reasonably compact, leafy types would work best as we have limited room for transport. These will not be judged.

An entry form similar to the ones we use will be circulated with this newsletter along with the regional show schedule. If you are lending plants for the display please fill in the entry form* and give it to one of the following people when you give them your plants: Louise Gannon, Sandra Ellis, Francois Sikora, Brian and Lynne Phelan.

Would members lending ferns and foliage plants also provide us with a list so that we can make sure you get them back.

More information at the September meeting but feel free to contact us if you have any questions about the event.

Lynne

* Don't worry about the Plant ID column



Part of the Shoalhaven display at Bateman's Bay Regional Show in 2015.

2019 Shoalhaven Orchid Society

What's On at a Glance

Committee Meetings 2019

3 September 2.00pm
1 October 2.00pm
5 November 2.00pm
3 December 2.00pm

Society Meetings 2019

16th September
21st October
18th November
16th December

Our Shows 2019

October - Sat 26th *October (One day only)*

Coming Events

6 - 7 September Batemans Bay Orchid and Foliage Society, Batemans Bay Soldiers Club

14-15 September Milton Ulladulla Orchid Society, Civic Centre, Ulladulla

19-20 September Sapphire Coast Orchid Club, BVC Civic Centre, Bega

21 - 22 September Orchid Society of Canberra Ainslie Football Club, Ainslie, ACT

5-6 October South and West Regional Show, Moruya Basketball Centre, Moruya Showground

11-13 October Southern Orchid Spectacular Sutherland Basketball Stadium, Waratah Park, Old Princes Highway, Sutherland

2019 Guest Speakers

September - Gerry Welsh - The Rock Lily Man

October - Graham Larkham on Thunis Marshalliana

November - Garry Hodder – South East Asian Dendrobiums

Growing Competition 2019

September - Cym - Joan Bryant 'Keen'

October - Cym. Khanebono 'Jacinta' x (Star Angel x Spring Charisma) 'Kirsty'

November - Cym. Death Wish 'Withering Glance'

December - Cym - Lancashire Khan 'Debonair'. Last benching.



SOS Plant Wish List

1. Teresa Bourke..

- *Cymbidium* Death Wish 'Speckled Spectre'
- *Cymbidium* insigne 'Alice' or 'Atlantis' or 'Best Pink'
- I lost my growing comp. plant *Cymbidium* Joan Bryant 'Keen'. So if the society has another one I'd like to purchase it. Otherwise please add it to the wish list as well.
- *Lowianum concolor*

2. John Clarke ...

I'm after a piece of *Masdevallia*, I don't care about colour or variety.

N.B. Would members who have found their 'wish, let Lynne know, so it can be deleted their request from this section.

OILS and OILS

Having recently seen reference to both **winter oil** and **white oil** I wondered what the difference was so I did a little net-surfing and found the BHP website. There it explained that their Winter Oil Spray is a denser, more viscous (sticky) compound which is mainly used to spray dormant fruit trees, grape vines, etc. in winter to smother over-wintering pests that may be hiding in the cracks and crevices of the bark. If winter oil is used on orchids it is likely to block the tiny breathing holes on the underside of the leaves.

The Summer Oil Spray is, I believe, the same preparation as those labelled Clear White Oil. It is a finer oil spray which can be used as a carrier for insecticides or fungicides as well as being used by itself to smother pests such as scale. Being a less viscous compound it gives a lighter cover and is suitable for spraying at higher temperatures though the BHP website warns against using it above 32°C. (I would be more conservative and suggest 25°C or so but be guided by what it says on the container.) The oil forces the scale to abandon their waxy igloos so if you mix some insecticide with the oil spray this should finish the critters off.

Lynne