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## NEWSLETTER JUNE 2024

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

**Next Meeting: Saturday day meeting 15<sup>th</sup> June 10am-1pm.**

**Bomaderry Community Centre. 19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry.**

Room opens at 9.15am for set up\*; benching to be **finished** by 10.00am; Novice Corner 10.00-10.15am; Popular Vote 10.15-10.30am. Meeting commences at 10.30am. \* Many hands make light work to set up and pack up.

**Guest Speaker:** Gary Hodder

Gary's topic – Orchids for New Growers

Gary has visited our society a few times talking about a wide variety of topics. This month's topic will have information for all members, especially the novice growers

**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)**.

THE SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY MEETS ON THE **THIRD SATURDAY** OF THE MONTH at **10.00am**  
IN THE BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE, 19 BIRRILEY STREET, BOMADERRY.

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<b>BENCHING RESULTS</b>		<b>Month May</b>	<b>Year 2024</b>
Class	Orchid Name	Name of Grower	
<b>NOVICE</b>			
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Laelia</i> Blumen Insel x <i>L. Irwins</i>	R. Bristow	
Australian native hybrid/species	<i>Den.</i> Lace River x <i>D. Kayes Choice</i>	D. Slye	
<b>Novice Orchid of the Night</b>	<b><i>Laelia</i> Blumen Insel x <i>L. Irwins</i></b>	<b>R. Bristow</b>	
<b>INTERMEDIATE</b>			
Species orchid	<i>Max.schunkeana</i>	W. Lee	
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Coel. saccolabium</i>	W. Lee	
<b>Intermediate Orchid of the Night</b>	<b><i>Coel. saccolabium</i></b>	<b>W. Lee</b>	
<b>OPEN</b>			
Paphiopedilum – species/hybrid	<i>Paph.</i> LEEANUM ‘Hayters’	W. Simmons	
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Onc.</i> Tsika Marguerite ‘Hof’	K & S. Wynn	
Dendrobium – species/hybrid	<i>Den.</i> Arcedana Light Blue ‘Orchid World’	M & S. Montebello	
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Catt.</i> Little Susie ‘Bingo’	L. Gannon	
Vandaceous Hybrid	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown	G. Jonas	
Species	<i>Coel. mooreana</i>	L. Gannon	
Australian native hybrid	<i>Den.</i> Burgundy Bride x <i>Den.</i> Hunter Titanium	R. Findlater	
Cymbidium	<i>Cym.</i> Foxfire Mini x Pharaoh’s Dream ‘Mini’	J. Clarke	
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Masd.</i> Marguerite ‘Julie’	R. Hahn	
<b>Open Orchid of the Night</b>	<b><i>Den. Areedang Light Blue ‘Orchid World’</i></b>	<b>M &amp; S. Montebello</b>	
<b>Species of the Night</b>	<b><i>Paph. insigne var. sanderae</i></b>	<b>W. Simmons</b>	
<b>Hybrid of the Night</b>	<b><i>Onc. Tsiku Marguerite ‘Hof’</i></b>	<b>K &amp; S. Wynn</b>	
<b>Assistant/ Benching Marshal’s Choice</b>	<b><i>Catt. Little Susie ‘Bingo’</i></b>	<b>L. Gannon</b>	
<b>Growing Competition</b>	M. Montebello 5, S. Montebello 3, 1pt. M. de Launey, P. de Launey, R. Findlater, R. Korber, N. Weatherby, K. Wynn, S. Wynn.		
<b>Number of plants benched</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>Number of Growing comp. plants</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Seedling/s:</b> <i>Den.</i> Burgundy Bride x <i>Den.</i> Hunter Titanium R. Findlater			

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

We certainly have had a mixture of weather lately from sunny days and cold nights, with unwanted rain in between. Keep an eye on your orchids to see that they don't remain cold and damp for too long.

Recently we lost one of our great Life Members with the passing of Alan Stephenson OAM. Alan was an extraordinary man who did extraordinary work. Lynne Phelan has kindly written a beautifully written Vale about Alan in this Newsletter.

Last months Charity Auction for Shoalhaven Kids in Need, raised the wonderful amount of \$1069. This money will greatly benefit the charity with its ongoing work. Thank you, members who donated orchids, members who bought some, Richard our Auctioneer and Committee members for your assistance on the night.

Our next meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> June will be the first of our Saturday Meetings. Our Guest Speaker is Garry Hodder from the Sutherland Shire O/S. Garry has visited us before and we have always enjoyed his talks. Gary will be talking on the topic – Orchids for New Growers. I hope to see all our novice growers attending.

See you all at the next meeting,

Warm regards,

Louise

### **Dear Members,**

Alan Stephenson's family have asked if our members would like to give orchid flowers, they have grown to be included in a floral casket display.

If you have some orchid spikes you would like to give, please bring them to Catherine at Shoalhaven Flowers, 61 Meroo St. Bomaderry on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June by 12NOON. The florist shop is located opposite the Bomaderry railway station. Catherine has kindly consented to make the orchid display using our flowers.

Louise

**Committee** is still looking for 2 members willing to help with coordinating the Bunnings BBQ. All monies raised helps with the running of the society and is used to benefit members and putting on 3 annual shows.

The Winter Show is fast approaching on Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>. We hope you have started to prepare your plants.

The roster for the Winter Show will be available at the June meeting, we will be needing helpers with the raffle table, security and also in the morning on the sales table. Please come and help even if only for a couple of hours. Please contact Françoise if you can help and you are not going to be at the meeting.



**Open**

Den. Ardeedang Light Blue 'Orchid World'



**Intermediate**

Coelogyne saccolabium



**Novice**

Laelia anceps Blumen Insel x L. Irwins



**Benching Marshall**

Catt. Little Susie 'Bingo'



**Hybrid of the night**

Tsika Marguerite 'Hof'



**Species of the night**

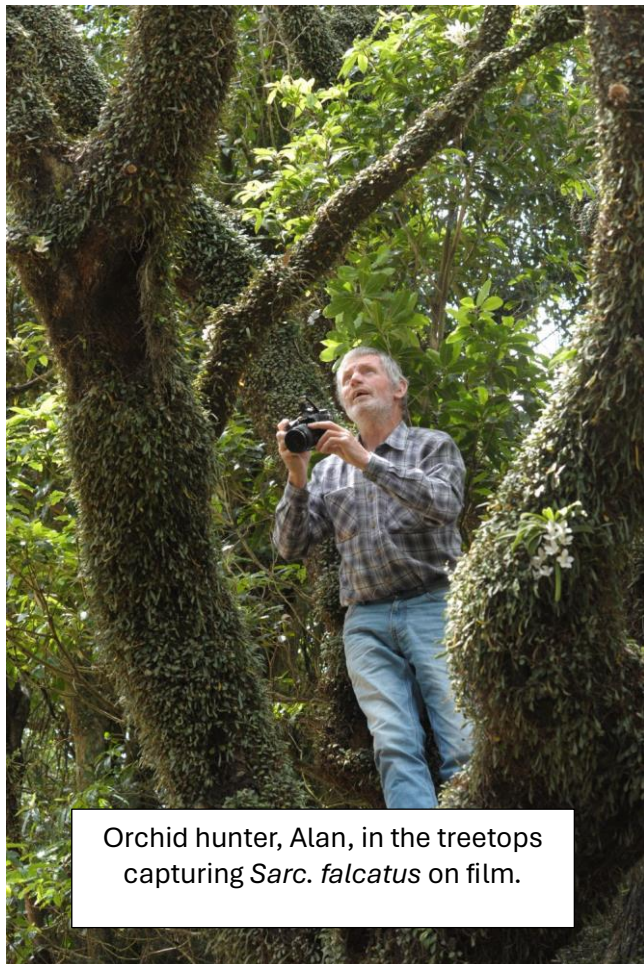
Paph. insigne var. sanderae





## VALE

### Alan Stephenson OAM



Orchid hunter, Alan, in the treetops capturing *Sarc. falcatus* on film.

Alan lived for orchids ... all orchids ... but his overwhelming passion was for native Australian orchids. He just loved them and spent much of his spare time in a quest to find them, photograph them, write about them, and look after them. His citation for an Award of Honour from the Australian Orchid Council in 2015 stated, 'Your work in Australian orchid conservation is unsurpassed. You have fought tenaciously for the protection of native orchids and your lobbying of federal, state and local authorities is legendary.' He was the bane of Councils and property developers as he fought to protect rare and endangered species. Alan also specialized in growing them and his natives regularly took out prizes at orchid shows.

Alan was a member of the Shoalhaven Orchid Society for nearly 40 years. His contribution to the society and to the wider orchid community was immense. Soon after joining our society in 1985, he undertook the OSNSW judging course and, for many years, was benching marshal and judge at all SOS meetings. He also photographed the winning orchids at meetings and shows and these photos were of professional quality.

Alan was awarded Life Membership of the Shoalhaven Orchid Society in 1999 for, among other contributions, his work on committee, as publicity officer, judge and benching marshal, co-editor of *Orchid Growing in the Shoalhaven District* and the many talks and articles he prepared to help educate members. He chronicled the society's history for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary producing *Fifty Golden Years 1956-2006*. His contributions continued unabated until his health prevented him from taking an active role in society events.

More broadly, Alan was at various times: Fellow and Conservation Director of the AOC, President and National Conservation Officer of the Australian Native Orchid Council, President and Conservation Officer of the Illawarra Australasian Native Orchid Society, a prolific author and contributor to orchid journals and newsletters and a very worthy recipient of the Order of Australia Medal in 2019. The endangered orchid species from the Shoalhaven, *Corunastylis stephensonii*, was named in his honour.

Alan was always supported by his wife Michele, and daughter Kim, and our Society extends sincere sympathy to them. Alan will be missed but his contribution is manifest in an enduring legacy of orchids that survive only because of his determination and persistence. Alan's funeral service will take place on 18 June 2024 at Shoalhaven Memorial Gardens commencing at 11:00am.



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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! 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.**

## 2024 Shoalhaven Orchid Society

# What's on at a Glance

### Society Meetings 2024

#### 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-** Graham Larkham talking about Virus-V-Bacteria

**6th September-** Repotting,  
Martin- Phalaenopsis, Ron-Den. speciosum  
and John Clark-Cymbidium

**21st October-** Guest speaker Gordon Marion  
He will be talking on Cattleyas

**18th November** –Martin Montebello talking  
On Paphiopedilums

**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

**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.

**April.** Zga. Pine Road x Zygo. Kosciuszko x  
Zga. Clare Fisher 'Amanda'

**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 6th – 7th

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 31st August – 1st September

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

#### IDOS

Winter Show 6th – 7th July

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

#### CANBERRA

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