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NEWSLETTER **SEPTEMBER 2024**

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Next Meeting: Monday 16th September

Bomaderry Community Centre. 19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry.

Room opens at 6.00pm 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.

Guest Speakers: Repotting-Martin Phalaenopsis, Ron-Den. speciosum & John Clark-Cymbidiums.

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**.

Topic for September Ron Findlater will show members how to stake their softcane dendrobiums which are now coming into flower and should be ready for our October Show.

Reminder – Members, please make sure you sign in on arrival as this is an insurance requirement of the Society.

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

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Spring has sprung!! and the weather is warming up nicely. It's a great time of the year with many different flowers starting to bloom. It's a shame it has been so windy though, with pots going over and causing havoc everywhere.

Our recent Spring Show was a great success. Thank you, members, for benching your quality, colourful orchid plants, ferns and foliage. The show all came together very well and looked spectacular. Thank you, members who helped beforehand, at the show and cleaning up afterwards. We all enjoyed a sausage and onion sandwich prepared by John Cameron to get us through the day. Thanks John, you have a job for life there! Sharyon Wynn showed once again her skills in repotting, attracting many visitors, thank you Sharyon. Our Asst. Show Marshal, Martin Montebello, was ill in hospital at showtime and is now making a good recovery.

Congratulations to Wayne Simmons for winning the Champion Orchid of the Show with Paph. venustum alba 'Werri'. Reserve Champion went to Ron Findlater with another one of his great quality hybrid natives, Den. Kingfisher Beauty.

We had 402 visitors to the show.

Our Bunnings BBQ was a successful day and raised funds for our society. Thank you to Françoise, Stafford, Ron, Brian & Lynne and Sandra & Will and the 3 attending non-members, Luke Sikora, Serena Copley and Erin Gannon. Thank you Sandra Ellis and John Cameron for slicing up 20kgs of onions. John certainly found a different way of protecting his eyes (photo to come). I hope with future Bunnings BBQs we won't have to ask family and friends to help as we have at least 35 – 40 active members. Our next Bunnings BBQ is in October.

A Questionnaire will be given out at our Sept. meeting for members to complete at the meeting. It has been 10 years since our last one and have found that they give valuable feedback to help committee members plan for the future. Our committee looks forward to receiving your responses. Your name is not necessary unless you would like to include it.

Committee has approved changes to the commissions received from selling member's orchid plants on the Show Sales Table. Previously the commission was 10% up to sales of \$500 then 15% above \$500. To make it simpler it will now be a flat 10% effective from our October Show. By-Laws will be altered to reflect the change.

At our September meeting, three of our OPEN members will be talking about orchids they grow. John Clarke will be repotting a cymbidium, Ron Findlater will be talking about Den. speciosum and Martin Montebello will show us how to repot a bought phalaenopsis. It will be a great evening.

Don't forget we have returned to night meetings from our September meeting.

Warm regards,

Louise

BENCHING RESULTS		Month August	Year 2024
Class	Orchid Name	Name of Grower	
NOVICE			
Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Ruby Eyes 'Red Baron'</i>	R. Bristow	
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Wilsonara Palm Sugar</i>	F. Flack	
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Laelia anceps</i> hybrid	F. Flack	
Australian native hybrid/species	<i>Den. Australian Butter Bright</i> x <i>D. speciosum</i> var. <i>pedunculatum</i> 'Herberton'	R. Bristow	
Species	<i>Sarcochilus falcatus</i>	F. Flack	
Novice Orchid of the Night	<i>Cym. Ruby Eyes 'Red Baron'</i>	R. Bristow	
INTERMEDIATE			
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Unknown</i>	S. Ellis	
Australian native species/hybrid	<i>Dock. Ida Mary</i> x <i>D. Lemon Pepper</i>	S. Ellis	
Species orchid	<i>Coelogyne mooreana</i> 'Brockhurst'	S. Ellis	
Intermediate Orchid of the Night	<i>Coelogyne mooreana</i> 'Brockhurst'	S. Ellis	
OPEN			
Paphiopedilum – species/hybrid	<i>Paph. Leeaunum</i> 'Werri'	M & S. Montebello	
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Oda. June Appleby</i> x <i>Oda. Aviator</i>	B. Phelan	
Dendrobium – species/hybrid	<i>Den. Red Dragon</i> 'Orchid World'	M & S. Montebello	
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Catt. Orpettii</i>	B. Phelan	
Vandaceous Hybrid	<i>Phal. I-Hsin</i> 'White beauty'	M & S. Montebello	
Species	<i>Masd. decumana</i>	R. Korber	
Australian native hybrid	<i>Den. speciosum</i> Windermere x <i>D. speciosum</i> var. <i>grandiflorum</i> 'Oh Sugar'	F. Sikora	
Australian native species	<i>Sarcochilus falcatus</i>	L. Phelan	
Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Marvin Gaye</i> 'Royale'	K & S.Wynn	
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Coelogyne</i> Unchained Melody	K. Coates	
Open Orchid of the Night	<i>Cym. Marvin Gaye</i> 'Royale'	K & S.Wynn	
Species of the Night	<i>Coelogyne yuccifolia</i>	R. Korber	
Hybrid of the Night	<i>Cym. Marvin Gaye</i> 'Royale'	K & S.Wynn	
Assistant/ Benching Marshal's Choice	<i>Den. Australian Butter Bright</i> x <i>D. speciosum</i> var. <i>pedunculatum</i> 'Herberton'	R. Bristow	
Growing Competition	5pts Martin Montebello, 3 pts Sue Montebello, 1pt John Cameron, Martin de Launey, Pauline de Launey, Brian Phelan, Lynne Phelan		
Number of plants benched	65	Number of Growing comp. plants	7



Hybrid of the Night

Open
Popular
Vote

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JUNIOR / NOVICE / INTERMEDIATE / OPEN
CLASS:.....
PLANT NAME: *S. Gleditsia*
atrocincana 'Blackbird'

**Intermediate
Popular
Vote**

Novice
Popular
Vote



CLASS:
PLANT NAME: *Cochlidium
yuccifolium*

**Best
Species**



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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

Committee Meetings 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 10.00am

Society Meetings 2024

16th Sept- Repotting- Martin-Phalaenopsis,
Ron-Den.speciosum & 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

19 October October Orchid Show 9-3

Native Orchid Walk- TBA*

Potting Day- TBA

Other Orchid Events

Orchids Central, Club Condell Park 4-6

October

* **Please note:** Brian and Lynne did the Moona Moona Creek walk recently but there are very few orchids to be seen and the track was very muddy so the walk will not take place this year. Perhaps next year...

COMMITTEE ITEMS

New Members:

We welcome the following New Members to our society and hope they enjoy their time and learn lots about orchids. **Colleen Steele** from Culburra Beach as a Novice Grower; **Timothy Jans** from Mittagong as a Novice Grower; **Brian Burfoot** and **Debra Culbert** from St Georges Basin as Novice Growers and welcome back to **Mary Ahohen** from Sanctuary Point as an Open Grower.

September Novice Corner: Ron will be taking Novice Corner and showing members how to stake your Soft Cane Dendrobiums as they are now beginning to flower.

Bunnings BBQ on Sunday October 13th: We Have another BBQ booked for the above date. A volunteer sheet will be circulated at the September meeting. We are hoping for a few more members to help out.

October Show Saturday October 19th: The October Show is just around the corner and as there is not another meeting before the show, the show volunteer sheet will also be circulated at the September meeting.

Other Society Shows

BBOFS

Native Show 19th-20th October

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.

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. Den. Phena's Charm 'Genesis' x Den. speciosum Moonmere 'Journey' **FIRST**

BENCHING

December: Catt. (Rlc.) Brunswick Gem 'Coral' x Catt. Dal's Choice 'Rudak' **LAST BENCHING**



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SPRING SHOW CHAMPIONS



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1. John Cameron - Champion Novice Orchid
2. Wayne Simmons – Champion Orchid of the Show and Champion Species Orchid other than Native
3. Ron Findlater – Reserve Champion Orchid of the Show and Champion Australian Native/Native Hybrid
4. Ross Wraight – Champion Intermediate Orchid
5. Brian Phelan – Champion Oncidiinae and Champion Any Other Orchid
6. Louise Gannon – Champion Laeliinae
7. Ken & Sharyon Wynn – Champion Cymbidium
8. Martin & Sue Montebello (Archive picture) Champion Vandaceous and Champion Paphiopedilum

2024 SPRING ORCHID SHOW RESULTS

CHAMPION ORCHID OF THE SHOW

Paph. venustum alba 'Werri' W. Simmons

RESERVE CHAMPION OF THE SHOW

Den. Kingfisher Beauty R. Findlater

CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM

Cym. Marvin Gaye 'Royale' K & S Wynn

CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN NATIVE / NATIVE HYBRID

Den. Kingfisher Beauty R. Findlater

CHAMPION ONCIDIINAE HYBRID

Oda. Roymar Hopkins x Oda. Helen Dugger B. Phelan

CHAMPION SPECIES ORCHID OTHER THAN NATIVE

Paph. venustum alba 'Werri' W. Simmons

CHAMPION ANY OTHER ORCHID

Den. Pukekura B. Phelan

CHAMPION VANDACEOUS HYBRID

Phal. Pixie M & S Montebello

CHAMPION LAELIINAE HYBRID

Catt. Sierra Doll L. Gannon

CHAMPION PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRID

Paph. Leeaunum 'Werri' M. & S. Montebello

CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE ORCHID

Coelogyne Unchained Melody R. Wraight

CHAMPION NOVICE ORCHID

Coelogyne Unchained Melody J. Cameron

OPEN SECTION

1. DOCKRILLIA HYBRID No entries

2. DENDROBIUM - speciosum

1st. Den. speciosum var. grandiflorum R. Findlater
2nd. Den. speciosum Daylight Moon R. Korber

3. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID - pink or red

1st. Den. Kingfisher Beauty R. Findlater
2nd. Den. Wayne Turville R. Korber

4. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID – yellow, cream or green

1st. Den. Currajong R. Findlater
2nd. Den. Australian Butterbright R. Findlater

5. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES - white or any other colour

1st. Den. Lockiel x D. falcorostrum R. Korber

6. SARCANTHINAE - SPECIES

1st. Sarc. falcatus L. Phelan
2nd. Sarc. falcatus L. Gannon

7. SARCANTHINAE - HYBRID

No entries

8. NATIVE AUSTRALIAN SPECIES-not elsewhere specified

1st. Den. aemulum L. Phelan
2nd. Dock. jonesii var. magnificum R. Korber

9. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE TERRESTRIAL - species /hybrid

No entries

10. CYMBIDIUM - Standard – over 90 mm

1st. Cym. Atlantic Carat R. Findlater
2nd. Cym. Kalahari Blaze x Dural Dream J. Clarke

11. CYMBIDIUM - Intermediate - 60 to 90 mm

1st. Cym. Amesbury x Masquerade J. Clarke
2nd. Cym. Gentle Touch 'Bon Bon' J. Clarke

12. CYMBIDIUM - Miniature - under 60 mm

1st. Cym. Marvin Gaye 'Royale' K. & S. Wynn
2nd. Cym. Mary Green 'Oxford Street' K. & S. Wynn

13. LAELIINAE HYBRID - over 80 mm

No entries

14. LAELIINAE HYBRID - 80 mm or under

1st. Catt. Sierra Doll. L. Gannon
2nd. Sc. Lana Coryell 'Pink Parfait' K. & S. Wynn

15. DENDROBIUM - exotic - hardcane/softcane

1st. Den. Pukekura B. Phelan
2nd. Den. Red Dragon 'Orchid World M. & S. Montebello

16. ONCIDIINAE ALLIANCE - over 70 mm

1st. Onc. Tropical Heat Wave K. & S. Wynn
 2nd. Onc. June Appleby x Onc. Aviator B. Phelan

17. ONCIDIINAE ALLIANCE - 70 mm or under

1st. Oda. Roymar Hopkins x Oda. Helen Dugger B. Phelan
 2nd. Oda. Star of Jersey B. Phelan

18. VANDACEOUS HYBRID

1st Phal. Pixie M & S Montebello
 2nd Phal. Orchid World M & S Montebello

19. SPECIES - Americas

1st. Masd. tovarensis R. Korber
 2nd. Arpophyllum spicatum L. Gannon

20. ANY OTHER SPECIES – not elsewhere specified other than Australian Natives

1st. Coelogyne glumaceum R. Korber
 2nd. Coelogyne yuccifolium R. Korber

21. PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRID

1st. Paph. Leeanum 'Werrri' M & S Montebello
 2nd. Paph. Invincible W. Simmons

22. PAPHIOPEDILUM SPECIES

1st. Paph. venustum alba 'Werrri' W. Simmons
 2nd. Paph. villosum 'Werrri' M & S Montebello

23. ANY OTHER HYBRID - American

1st. Masd. Peppermint Glow B. Phelan
 2nd. Masd. Midas Touch R. Korber

24. ANY OTHER HYBRID – not elsewhere specified

1st. Coel. Unchained Melody J. Clarke
 2nd. Coel. Unchained Melody 'Alba' L. Gannon

INTERMEDIATE SECTION**25. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES**

1st. Den. gracilicaule R. Wraight
 2nd. Den. speciosum W. Lee

26. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID

1st. Den. Jarra W. Lee
 2nd. Den. Angellene Dunokay S. Ellis

27. SARCANTHINAE - species / hybrid No entries**28. CYMBIDIUM - Standard** No entries**29. CYMBIDIUM – Intermediate** No entries**30. CYMBIDIUM - Miniature** No entries**31. LAELIINAE HYBRID** No entries**32. DENDROBIUM – SPECIES/HYBRID hardcane/softcane**

1st. Den. nobile W. Lee

33. ONCIDIINAE HYBRID No entries**34. PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRID** No entries**35. VANDACEOUS HYBRID** No Entries**36. ANY OTHER HYBRID**

1st. Coel. Unchained Melody R. Wraight
 2nd. Coel. Unchained Melody alba S. Ellis

37. SPECIES ORCHID other than native

1st. Coelogyne flaccida W. Lee
 2nd. Coelogyne flaccida W. Lee

NOVICE SECTION**38. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES**

1st. Den. kingianum F. Flack
 2nd. Den. Unknown D. Slye
 3rd. Den. kingianum D. Slye

39. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID

1st Den. Bardo Rose S. Lester
 2nd. Den. Unknown V. Starling
 3rd. Den. Gillian Leeany x Aussie Victory x Lust Beauty S. & A. Pickup

40. CYMBIDIUM - Standard

1st. Cym. Heritage Pink S. & A. Pickup
 2nd. Cym. Unknown S. Lester
 3rd. Cym. Heritage Pink S. & A. Pickup

41. CYMBIDIUM – intermediate No entries**42. CYMBIDIUM – Miniature** No entries**43. ONCIDIINAE HYBRID**

1st. Beallara Snowblind 'Sweet Spots' S. Lester

44. LAELIINAE HYBRID No entries

45. ANY OTHER HYBRID

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| 1 st . Coelogyne Unchained Melody | J. Cameron |
| 2 nd . Coelogyne Unchained Melody | V. Starling |
| 3 rd . Coelogyne Unchained Melody | S. Lester |

46. SPECIES OTHER THAN NATIVE

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| 1 st . Coelogyne flaccida | S. Lester |
| 2 nd . Coelogyne cristata | J. Cameron |
| 3 rd . Laelia anceps | F. Flack |



JUNIOR SECTION

47. ANY OTHER ORCHID –species or hybrid No entries

FERNS & FOLIAGE SECTION

48. FERNS

- | | |
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| 1 st . Davallia fejoensis | R. Wraight |
| 2 nd . Maidenhair Fern | S. & A. Pickup |



49. FOLIAGE PLANTS including Anthurium

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| 1 st . Nepenthes sanguines | R. Korber |
| 2 nd . Epiphyllum Zig Zag Plant | V. Starling |

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

50. BEST SPECIMEN ORCHID

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| Den. speciosum 'Creek Aureum' | R. Korber |
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51. BEST SEEDLING

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| Den. Currajong | R. Findlater |
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SPRING SHOW SUMMARY

There were 159 plants benched plus 2 which weren't eligible for judging. That was up from 145 last year. 19 members benched plants and it was very pleasing that almost half of those members were Novice and Intermediate growers. I think that is the best display we have had on those benches for quite some time. The number of Open exhibitors was down this year but we hope that those who were unable to participate will be available for our October show.

There were 402 visitors through the door and it was pleasing to see some familiar faces – ex-members and non-active members who took the opportunity to enjoy the show.

The Raffle winners were -

1st - 2 Cymbidium Orchids – Dave; 2nd - A Family Day Pass to Shoalhaven Zoo (donated in memory of Phil Harrington) – Leeroy; 3rd - Bunnings \$50 Gift Card - Lynne

Lucky Door Prize – went to a lovely teenage girl named Isabella who was so excited to have won the lovely cymbidium.



