



# MINGARA ORCHID CLUB Inc.

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### Pot Shop Orders & Collection

Ring Dellas for an appointment.

## **AUGUST 2024**



Next General Monthly Meeting

12 August 2024 7pm

Answers from the Question Box

Growing Conditions & Culture of

Orchids from Tonight's Benching

Arnold Lockrey 'In the Greenhouse'

Please bring in your problem orchids, we all have our problems.....

So let's look, see, discuss and learn together.

\* Please if you are feeling unwell, have a cough, cold or sore throat, think of your fellow members and their families and stay home.

## **UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS**

## **AND MEETING EVENTS**

**SEPTEMBER:** David Banks will be back with another informative talk.

**OCTOBER:** A Neutrog representative will talk about how to use Neutrog products.

**NOVEMBER:** Meeting Auction Night (members can sell up to 5 plants) full details to follow.....

**DECEMBER:** Annual General Meeting  
President Steve Dunstan will give a report at the August Meeting.

## **THIS ISSUE**

**JULY 24 MEETING**

**MEETINGS, SHOWS &**

**EVENT DATES**

**Please note:** Meeting room is available from 6 pm for plant benching & purchase of raffle tickets. All plants **must be benched by 6.50pm** to check plants & ensure they are in the correct classes.



# July Plants of the Night~ Congratulations!

## SPECIES



## OPEN HYBRID



Above: *Dendrobium Debonair*

Grower: Arnold Lockrey

Left: *Dinema polybulbon*

Grower: Peter Brunker

## SPECIMEN



## NOVICE



Above: *Dinema polybulbon*

Growers: Marie and John Bartlett

Left: *Cymbidium unknown*

Grower: Bill Richards



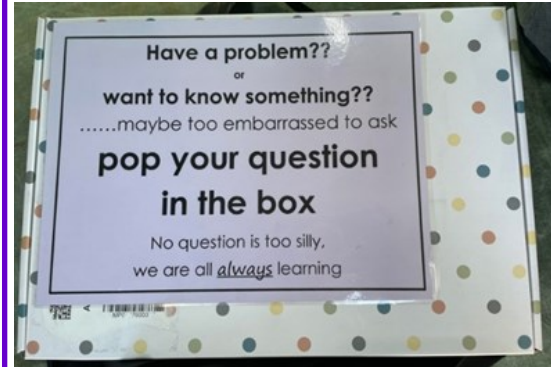
*Photography: Thank you Dellas Johnston.*

# July Meeting - Congratulations to Members who Benched



Thank you to all those who have been adding their questions into the box.

**Question Box** Do you have a question, or want to share an idea? Please write it down and pop it into the box and we will address it at our meeting. No names are required. This is an opportunity for our members to support our members. No question is too silly, we never stop learning.



EFTPOS is now available at MOC meetings for purchase of Raffle Tickets, Tea & Coffee.

**Congratulations Lucky Exhibitor.....**

**Jeff Ahern**

**Congratulations.....**

**Winner of the Lucky Door Fruit Box.  
Paul Coomber**



**Thank you...to Crethaven Fresh Fruit Market for their generous donation of our monthly lucky door prize.**

**Crethaven Shopping Centre  
Crethaven Ave. BATEAU BAY Ph. 43391**

**Raffle Winners... Peter Bolin, Anita Williams,  
Jorge Schultz, Ian Nelson, Bill Richards**



# Mingara Orchid Club Inc. 2024

## Spring Fair & Show

Where: **Anglican Church.**

**Brooke Ave, Bateau Bay.**

When:

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 9-4pm**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 10-3pm**

**Plant Benching Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. 10-1pm &**

**Judging will commence @ 2pm**

**Exotics and Australian Native Orchids on display**

**Judging by AOC and ANOS Judges**

**Vendors: Kawana Gardens Nursery,  
Ivan's Orchids, Royale Orchids,  
Bob Bishop (Bark), Susan's Succulents  
and Mingara OC Members' Sales Table,  
Mingara OC Pot Shop & Accessories.**

◆ **Variety Stalls** ◆

**BBQ, cold drinks, tea, coffee & cake available.**

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**Facebook.... [Mingara Orchid Club](#) or Marie 0404041803**



# 2024 Mingara Orchid Club

## Spring Fair & Show

After a successful June Show, your committee now looks forward to our upcoming Spring Fair & Show, and once again we are asking for our members support over the weekend. If you could please consider giving a few hours, we would so much appreciate this.

*Marie Bartlett*

**Friday, we will need volunteers to assist in generally setting up the Venue.**

**Saturday and Sunday volunteers for:**

**MOC Members Pot shop & Accessories Sales.**

**Raffle table.**

**Plant security in display area tables.**

### **Re: Plant Sales**

**ONLY EXHIBITORS and /or VOLUNTEERS MAY SELL THEIR ORCHIDS**

**15% Commission applies**

Please place your **name & price** for your plant on a **tag in the pot**. These will be collected once the plant is sold and money owing can be tallied to the plant owner.

Please hand a list to Sales table volunteers with the **number of plants** that you are selling.

If you are **selling Australian Native Orchids**, you must **complete the appropriate form BEFORE** handing to the Sales Table Volunteers.

*While we take great care, Mingara Orchid Club Inc. will not be held responsible for any lost or missing plants.*

### **POT SHOP OPEN**

**Ring Dallas Johnston – 0407939738**

**By appointment only.**

# *Dinema polybulbon*



**July's Species and Specimen of the Night were the *Dinema polybulbon*. Just a few notes on this orchid.**

## **Natural Habitat**

This diminutive epiphyte (and occasional lithophyte) was first discovered in Jamaica by Charles Horsfall, who sent it to the Liverpool Botanic Gardens. It has since proven to be a common orchid in Jamaica, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Cuba where it grows in oak forests or mixed wet forests, at altitudes of 600 to 3200 meters. One report I've read indicates plants are found commonly growing in dense mats on fence posts in their native lands.

## **Plant Description:**

The plant itself is a very rambling affair, consisting of small, lima-bean sized bulbs very distantly spaced on a narrow rhizome. It is a very fast-grower and can form impressive, albeit small, specimens. Leaves are typically borne in pairs, with flowers arising from the axils between the leaves. Flowering is most often in winter, but sporadically throughout the rest of the year. The flowers are quite large for the plant itself, from .75 to 1 inch (1.5 to 2.5 cm) in diameter, and are sweetly fragrant. the fragrance is described as "...a light but pervasive typical Encyclia sandalwood type that tends toward the sweet side like amber...". Others describe the fragrance as similar to cloves.

## **Cultivation Tips:**

**Potting/mounting:** this plant is best grown on a mount to accommodate its rambling nature.

**Light:** medium to medium-bright (2000-3000 fc). I grow mine in the upper reaches of my orchid aquarium, about 3-4 inches below two 24", 20-watt fluorescent tubes.

**Humidity:** 60 to 70%

**Watering:** frequently - every day to every 2-3 days

**Temperature:** cool to warm (with as wide an altitude range as it has, it should acclimate almost anywhere)

**Fertilizer:** lightly on a more frequent schedule to prevent burning of the thin roots.

*Sourced from Orchid Talk*

# 2024 Meetings and Shows Calendar.....

## August

**9th-11th National Orchid Extravaganza  
Incorporating the Paphiopedilum Society of NSW  
Inc @ The Arena Sports Club, Yagoona**

**12th MOC Monthly Meeting**

**16th-18th St Ives Orchid Show and Fair @ St Ives  
Showground**

**24th-25th ANOS Central Coast Group Inc. Spring  
Orchid Show @ Narara Valley Nursery**

**31st and 1st September Australian Native Orchid  
Show & Sales @ Crescent Head Community Hall**

## September

**4th-7th Central Coast and Lakes Orchid Society  
Spring Show @ Home Co. Tuggerah**

**9th MOC Monthly Meeting**

**14th-15th Mingara Orchid Club Spring  
Orchid Fair and Show @ Anglican Church  
Hall, Bateau Bay**

**21st-22nd Plant Lovers Fair @ Kariong**

## October

**4th-6th Orchids Central @ Club Condell  
Park, Bankstown**

**5th-6th Woolgoolga Show and Workshop  
@ Wiigulga Sports Complex, Woolgoolga**

**12th-13th ANOS Central Coast Group Inc.  
Sarcochilus Show @ Narara Valley Nursery**

**14th MOC Monthly Meeting**

**19th-20th Central Coast-Hunter Region  
Cymbidium Society Spring and  
Species Show @ Home Co. Tuggerah**

## November

**11th MOC Monthly Meeting**

## December

**9th MOC Monthly Meeting**



**Gardening  
Fair at Ettalong Galleria**

**Live Entertainment, Food & Drinks**

- Indoorplants, Orchids, Succulents,  
Bonsai, Gardening tools, Terrariums,  
Pots, Exotic plants
- and much more!

**Sunday 25th August**

- Market stalls, gifts & more!

\$1.00 from every Plaster sale is  
donated to the Ronald McDonald  
House

**9:00 AM until 4:00PM**

 189 Ocean Beach Road,  
Ettalong Beach

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# St Ives Orchid Fair

*'The Big One'*



In partnership with  
Ku-ring-gai Council



**ST IVES SHOWGROUND**  
Mona Vale Road, St Ives

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2024 9 am to 4 pm  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024 9 am to 4 pm  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024 9 am to 3 pm

Bus Routes 196/197: Gordon Station - St Ives Village - Terrey Hills - Mona Vale  
ADMISSION \$8 Children under 18 free

Bus groups welcome - concession,  
Unlimited Free Parking, Wheel chair access

Orchid displays, and advice from experts

**MAJOR SPONSORS**  
Rosella Orchids  
Garden City Plastics

### ORCHID VENDORS

Alice's Orchids, Barrita Orchids, Dark Star Orchids, Ezi-Gro Orchids,  
Fong Ping Orchids, Hills District Orchids, Kings Orchid Nursery,  
Macquarie Native Orchids, Nicky's Slippers, Orchid Care Services,  
Orchid Species Plus, Orchids of Distinction, Orchids on Newbold,  
Robertson Orchids, Rosella Orchids, Tinonee Orchids,  
The Orchid Mart / Serhan's Orchids, Woolf Orchidculture

For more Information: Show Marshal: Garrie Bromley Ph: 0425 336 049  
<http://www.stivesorchidfair.com/>

# 2024 Australian Native Orchid Show and Plant Sales AT CRESCENT HEAD

Saturday August 31st  
10am - 4pm

Sunday September 1st  
10am - 2pm

**ENTRY - Adults \$2, Children Free**

### Vendors

- Tony Blewitt Orchids • Down Under Native Orchids
- Chris' Native Orchids • Tinonee Orchid Nursery
- Manning Valley Orchids  
(Jody Cutajar & Nathan Wagerman)
- Phena's Begonias • Bromiliads Aust.

At Crescent Head Community Hall  
Baker Drive - Plenty of Off-Street Parking

For information please contact  
Chris Price on  
0417 624 077 or  
[cpr89230@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cpr89230@bigpond.net.au)

## Woolgoolga District Orchid Society Inc.

2024 2-Day

# Orchid Show & Workshop

Saturday October 5 & Sunday 6  
Sat. 9.00am to 3.00pm Sun. 9.00am to 3.00pm

At **WIIGULGA  
SPORTS COMPLEX**  
Solitary Islands Way, Woolgoolga

- 7 World-renowned Speakers
- Cultural Advice
- Potting Demonstrations
- Participants invited to bring Orchids for our Show
- Sandwiches for Sale
- Coffee Shop onsite
- Admission \$2



Nurserymen's Orchids on Sale

For more information contact - [woolgoolgaorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:woolgoolgaorchidsociety@gmail.com)



# Orchids Central Orchid Displays and Sales

Club Condell Park  
178 Eldridge Road, Bankstown  
Club Bistro, Facilities and Parking

4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024

9.30am - 4pm Friday and  
9.30am - 2pm Saturday  
Sunday

Adults: \$10 Buses: \$8  
Children under 15 Free

### Vendors

Alice's Orchids	Orchids of Distinction
Aust. Carnivorous Plant Society	Rolin Orchids
Bob Bishop Bark	Sakdisri Nursety
Fong Ping Orchids	Sims Orchids
Illawarra Beekeepers	Ten Shin Gardens
Johnston's Orchids	The Orchid Place
Kingfisher Orchid Nursery	Wirra Willa Orchids-
Kings Nursery	Queenplants
Nicky Zurcher Orchids	



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