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February 2026



Next General Monthly Meeting
Monday 9th February 2026 @7pm



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

What's Happening....

Presidents report, Show Marshalls report for the 2026 Fair & Show, awards presented to 2025 Benching winners & lots more!

Guest Speaker of the Month



Stewart Newman will have a presentation on Stanhopea (often referred to as the 'Upside Down Orchid')

President's Report.....

Dear Members,

Welcome to February, the final month of summer. While the days are still warm, we will soon begin to see the gradual change of season as temperatures ease and we head towards autumn — a time many orchids (and growers) look forward to. With the heat still very much with us, it's an important time to remain mindful of summer growing conditions.

Last month, Arnold and Dave shared a helpful tip for summer growing of orchids: on very hot days, hold off on watering your plants directly and instead water the floor of your shade house. This increases humidity and helps keep your orchids cooler during extreme temperatures. With another month of summer still to go, there are sure to be plenty more hot days, making this a particularly valuable tip for all growers.

At our January meeting, we were very fortunate to welcome renowned orchid grower Rod Nurthern, who presented an excellent talk on Miltoniopsis orchids. Rod shared a wealth of practical information on their care and cultivation, offering many helpful clues for growing these beautiful, but sometimes challenging, orchids. The presentation was very well received and thoroughly enjoyed.

On Monday night at our February meeting, we are again fortunate to have an excellent speaker. We will welcome Stewart Newman, a member of our club and also the President of the Central Coast and Lakes Orchid Society. Stewart is a well-known Stanhopea grower and will be speaking on the care and cultivation of Stanhopea orchids. He will also have plants available for sale, providing an excellent opportunity for members wishing to add a Stanhopea to their collection and receive expert advice.

Last month, Van der Groot and Ken Scanlan spoke about their nursery at Balcolyn, near Lake Macquarie. Following their presentation, a morning visit has been arranged to their garden and nursery, with morning tea provided and a guided look around. This visit will take place on Saturday, 21 February, with carpooling departing at approximately 9.00 am. Names of members interested in attending will be taken at the meeting.

Members are asked to note an upcoming social event. A pub lunch will be held at the Royal Hotel, Wyong, on 24 February, commencing at 12.00 pm. An indication of numbers attending would be appreciated, as table bookings will be required.

Please also note another barbecue planned for 30 May, to be held at Bunnings, Tuggerah. Further details will be provided closer to the date.

With our June Fair and Show approaching, we will soon be looking for volunteers to help out. A volunteers roster will be prepared, and members are encouraged to consider how they might assist to ensure another successful event.

I look forward to seeing members at our February meeting and at these upcoming events.

Peter Brunker

President

Mingara Orchid Club

2026 Fair & Show Update...

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th June, with set up Friday 26th June

- Peter will have a sheet at our March meeting for anyone wishing to add their name to the **Volunteer Roster**, please think about when you can assist over the weekend, Fri, Sat and/or Sun.
- **Now is the time to begin preparing your plant/s for the Show:**
 - **Support/stake spikes as they appear**
 - **Remove old, dried sheaths & weeds**
 - **Keep an eye out for scale, mealy bug & insects, treat if necessary**

Repeating....Our number one priority is funding our Event. If you know of a business (or a 'philanthropist'....lol!!!) who may like to support our amazing Event, please have a chat with a F&S Committee member. **We will include them in our brochure & future advertising.**

Request for support from members for MOC Fair & Show

There are some opinions out there that MOC is a very financial Orchid Club....and quite simply, just because we are a Sub Club of Mingara Recreation Club, or so the story goes!

Among other things, as a committee we need to work hard with ideas to ensure that we can plan for our year ahead, including.....

- fund our major Fair & Show in June,
- fund our Spring Show in September
- provide interesting Guest Speakers throughout the year
- purchase Plants for raffles
- fund Bus trips

In relation to our Fair & Show MRC provide us with an amazing venue, but there are so many other costs that we incur...

- Prizemoney alone is \$7000
- Payments to 18 Judges and dinner costs. Judges are volunteers; however, we pay towards petrol money
- Associated F&S costs include.... radio advertising, newspaper advertising, printed brochures, certificates, ribbons, rosettes & raffle prizes

As a valued member, and to support your Club in our endeavours, we would be very grateful if you would consider contributing to our annual Fair & Show by way of sponsoring a Class/es in our Show Schedule. The cost of each Class is \$25 (1st \$10 & 2nd \$5). There are 80 Classes in total.

Details of Classes for you to select will be available at our February Meeting.

Please remember that you do not have to be on a committee to be a supportive member, we welcome your ideas.

Thank you in anticipation

Marie Bartlett

Show Marshall/F&S Coordinator



A Note from the Secretary's Desk

1. New Bank Details - For Membership Payment

Bendigo Bank – Wyong

BSB 633 000

Acc No 233946797

2. If anyone needs to order a new Name Badge, Please see the Secretary at the meeting or email. Badges are \$11 each

Take care everyone

Dellas



Upcoming Speakers for 2026

February - *Stewart Newman talking on Stanhopea*

March - *Graeme Talbot ("Stumpy") talking/ presentation on Catasetinae alliance.*

April - TBA

Congratulations

Congratulations to all of the winners for 2025

January meeting we finally caught up with Dave & Yolande to present them with their awards for Benching 2025

Open – Dave Munro
Novice - Yolande Baker



January Benching

HYBRID OF THE NIGHT



Paph. Saint Swithin
John & Marie Bartlett

SPECIES OF THE NIGHT & MEMBERS CHOICE



Paph. dianthum
John & Marie Bartlett

SPECIMEN OF THE NIGHT



Den. hibiki
Peter Dunstan

NOVICE OF THE NIGHT



Paph. Unknown
Jim McEvoy



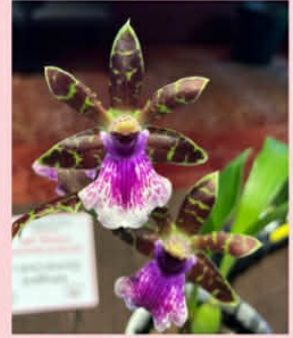
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Peter Brunker



Phal. rosenstromii 'Jane'
Peter Dunstan



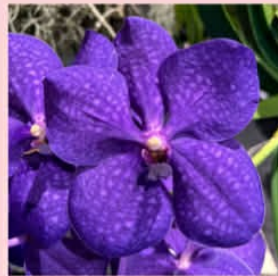
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C. Roxy's Magic 'Janet'
George & Virginia Penfold



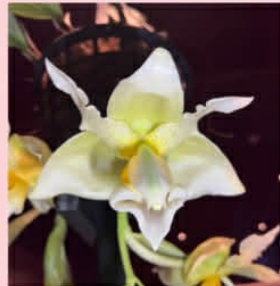
Den. Jungle Gem
Mark Mathews



Vanda Pakara Delight 'Blue'
Peter Brunker



Ctt. Alsaks Pattern 'Hannah' x
C. Angel Flare 'Cynthia'
HCC/AOC
Dave Munro



Stanhopea wardii 'Clear'
Stewart Newman



Onc. Ruth's Rainbow
'Over the rainbow'
Robyn Whatman



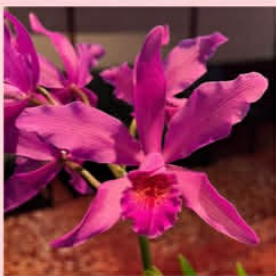
Vanda Lou Sneary
John & Marie Bartlett



Slc. Elusive Dream 'Rose'
Dave Munro



L. crispa 'Lisa' AM
x *tennabrosa* 'rainforest'
Anne Wiley



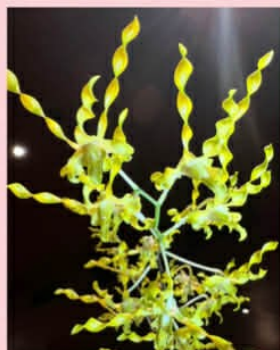
Cattleya meadii
George & Virginia Penfold



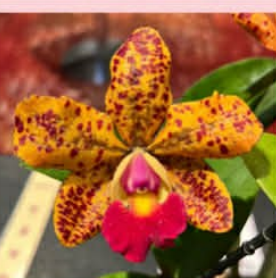
C. leopoldii
Dave Munro



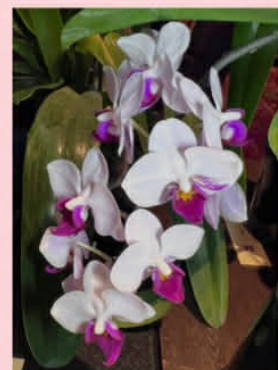
C. Dendi's Sierra 'Jenna'
Dave Munro



Den. John's Charm
x *tangerinum*
Steve Dunstan



C. Jungle Gem
Jorgen Schultz



Phalenopsis
unknown
Mark Mathews



Octomeria grandiflora
Arnold Lockrey



Congratulations.....

Winner of the Lucky Door Fruit Box.

Diania Grimshaw

Lucky Exhibitor

Elsie Alipalo

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Limited to 5 pots of assorted sizes, per member per month.

Please don't buy for other club members or family members.





2026 Meetings and Shows Calendar.....

February

7th MINGARA OC Bunnings BBQ Tuggerah
9th MOC Monthly Meeting
24th Mingara OC Social Lunch @ Royal Hotel
Wyong

March

9th MOC Monthly Meeting
18th MOC Social Late St Pats @ Pete's (Peter
Brunker hosting) - contact Peter if attending
0468 733 732 or
presidentmingaraorchidclub@gmail.com

April

13th MOC Monthly Meeting
18-19th Collectors Plant Fair – CANCELLED

May

11th MOC Monthly Meeting
15-17th Orchids Out West
16th MINGARA BUS TRIP OOW - Bookings soon
30th MINGARA OC Bunnings BBQ Tuggerah

KEY colours - MOC Meeting
Major Mingara Event
Social Event

June

9th MOC Monthly Meeting
19-20th Manning River OS @ Uniting Church Taree
26-28th MINGARA FAIR & SHOW

July

13th MOC Monthly Meeting

August

10th MOC Monthly Meeting
21-22nd Manning River OS @ Uniting
Church Taree

September

11-13th MINGARA SPRING FAIR & SHOW
14th MOC Monthly Meeting
18-20th Orchids Central @ Condell Park

October

12th MOC Monthly Meeting

November

9th MOC Monthly Meeting

December

14th MOC Monthly Meeting & AGM

If you have any Orchid Show dates that haven't
appeared in this list, please contact Amanda
Rounsley our editor to add to the calendar.



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