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January 2026



Next General Monthly Meeting
Monday 12th January 2025 @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.

Guest Speaker of the Month



Rod Nurthern will have a presentation on
Miltoniopsis
(often referred to as the 'Pansy Orchid')

What's Happening....

Presidents report,
2025 Final benching
results, what to expect for
2026 & more!

President's Report.....

Happy New Year to all our members. I hope you enjoyed the festive season and were able to spend some relaxing time with family, friends, and of course your Orchids!

As we begin a new year, I would like to warmly welcome our new committee members, Jenni Thorne and Amanda Rounsley. Thank you for your willingness to contribute your time and energy to the Club. I look forward to working together over the coming year.

We have an exciting year ahead, with a calendar of activities planned. In addition to our regular meetings and events, we also have a Bunnings BBQ and fundraiser scheduled for Saturday the 7th of February, which will be an important opportunity to raise funds for the club and promote our activities to the wider community. I encourage members to support this event if they are able.

I'm also very pleased to announce that at our next meeting on Monday night, we will have Rod Nurthern as our guest speaker. Rod will be giving a talk on Miltoniopsis, often known as the pansy orchid. Rod is a renowned orchid grower, a former President of the North Shore Orchid Society, and a past President of the Paphiopedilum Society of NSW. He is also known as a breeder of Paphiopedilum Orchids. This promises to be an informative and enjoyable evening, and I encourage members to attend.

I'm especially looking forward to our June Fair and Show, and later in the year, our Spring Show, which are always highlights for both members and visitors alike.

I hope the coming year brings you enjoyable growing ,and of course flowering, along with opportunities to share knowledge and enthusiasm within the club. I look forward to seeing you at our meetings and events throughout the year.

Warm Regards

Peter Brunker





WE WANT YOU

**IF YOU CAN SPARE AN HOUR
OR TWO 7/2/26**

**LET PETER BRUNKER KNOW
0468 733 732**



Fundraising

BBQ

*Bunnings
Tuggerah*



7th February **Bunnings Tuggerah**
2026 Volunteers required ASAP!!!

Come join us for a snag and a chinwag!

PETER BRUNKER :- 0468 733 732





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

January - Rod Nurthern talking on Miltoniopsis

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

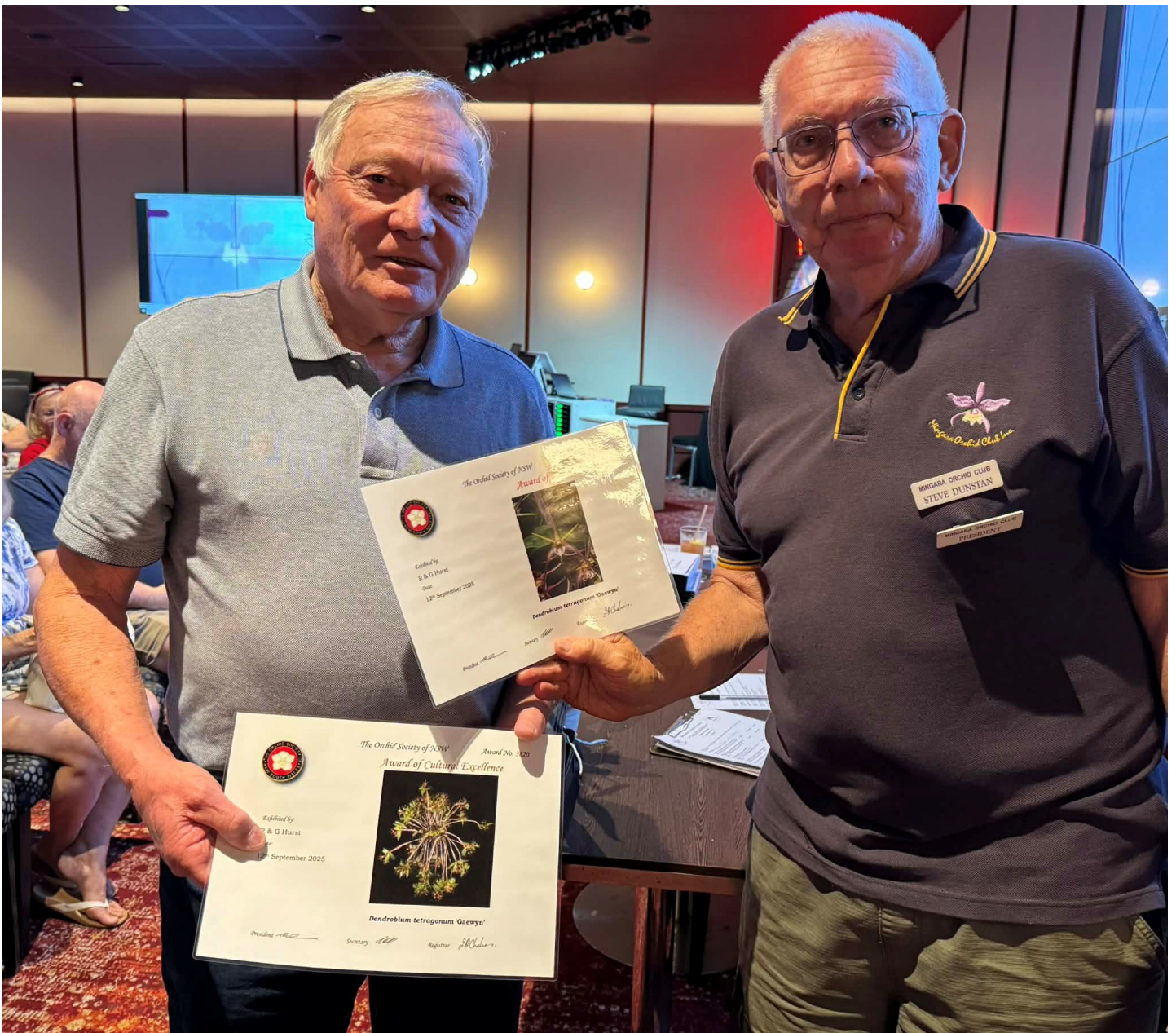
Open – Dave Munro

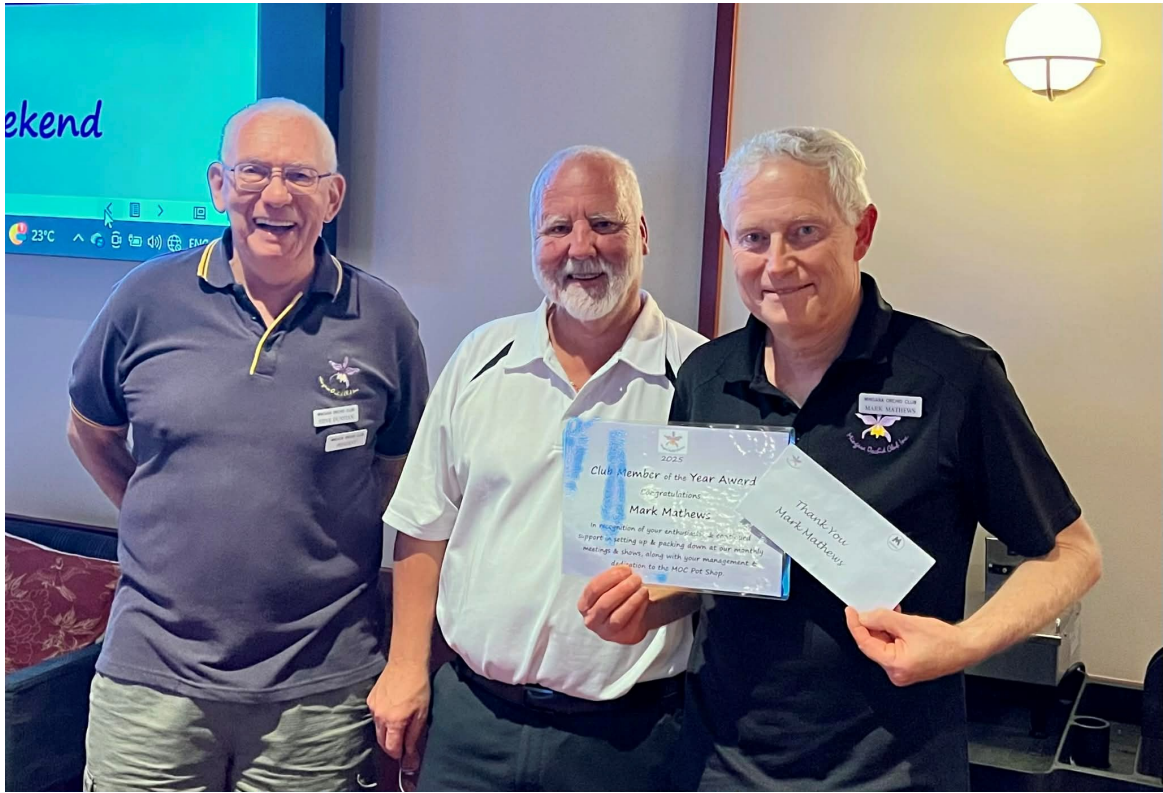
Novice - Yolande Baker

Club Member of the Year – Mark Mathews & Retiring President Steve Dunstan

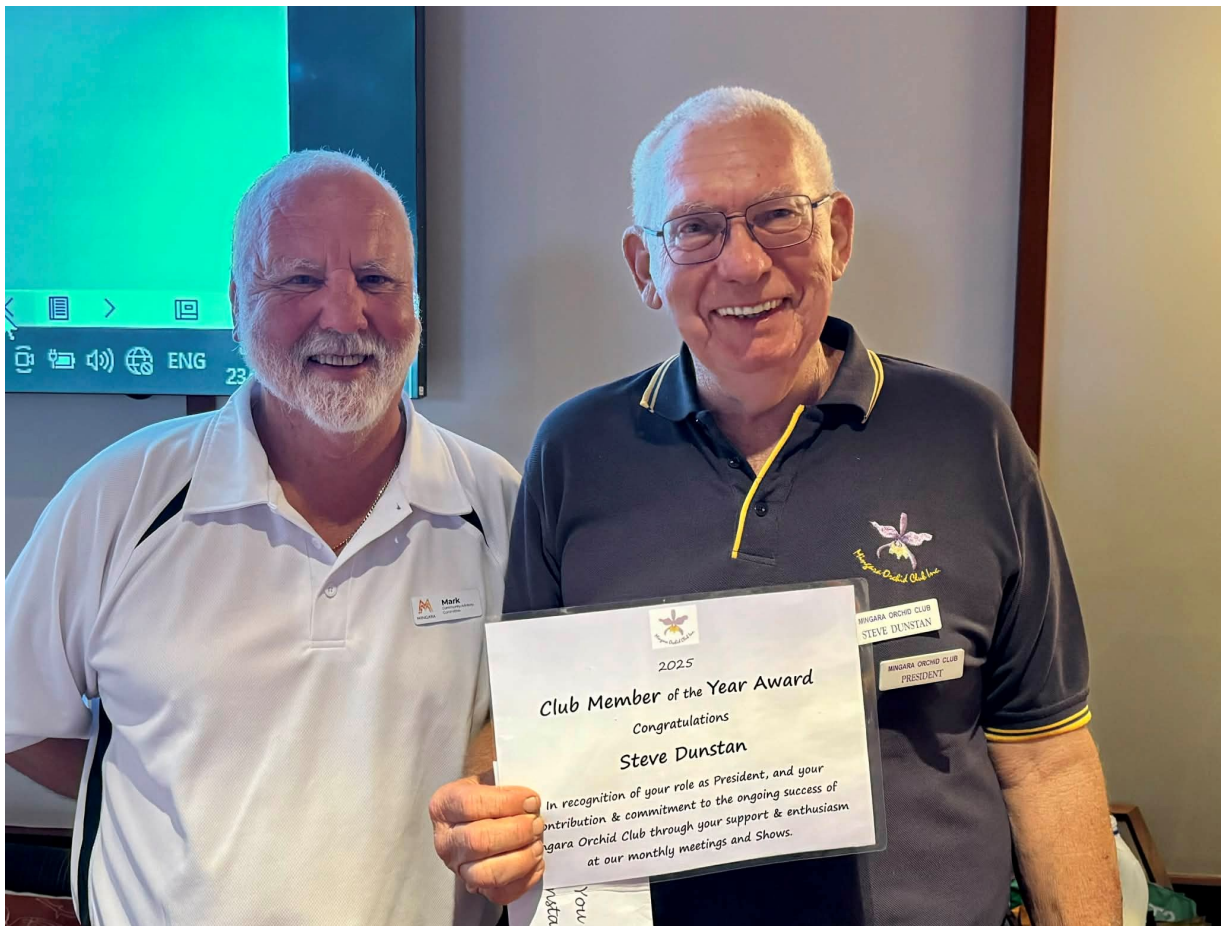
Congratulations to Rick & Gaewyn Hurst who were presented with an **Award of Cultural Excellence** and an **AM (Award of Merit)** for *Dendrobium tetragonum* which won **Champion Native Orchid** at our 2025 Spring Show.

The award was accepted by Rick.





Club Member of the Year



2025 Monthly Benching results

34 exhibitors

20 OPEN 14 NOVICE

283 Dave Munro

275 Arnold Lockrey
233 Thuy Tran
183 Peter Dunstan
180 John & Marie Bartlett
129 Paul Eleven
118 Jeff Ahern
105 Peter Bruncker
86 Jorgen Schultz
69 Steve Dunstan
57 Mark Mathews
54 Stewart Newman
38 Anita Williams
33 Paul Coomber
25 Dellas Johnston
22 Elsie Alipalo
20 Loretta Steers
16 Bill Richards
6 Amanda & Dean Rounsley
5 Rick & Gaewyn Hurst

Trophies to read.....

(logo)
2025
Point score winner
Novice Section
Yolande Baker

(logo)
2025
Point score winner
Open Section
David Munro

74 Yolande Baker

46 Jennifer Thorn
35 George & Virginia Penfold
25 Paul Irwin
18 Robyn Whatman
15 Janice Matts
13 Peter Bolin
13 Tracey Monaghan
9 Jim McEvoy
4 Stanley Longworthy
4 Amanda Alexanderson
4 Narelle Hulbert
1 Jeanette Fraser
1 Oonagh Sheridan

Congratulations Yolande...

now elevated to the OPEN section

2026 Fair & Show Update...

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

And we are off and running again, with lots of planning to do and the need to seek financial support.


Our main priority for now is funding our Event. If you know of a business (or a friendly 'philanthropist'lol!!!) who may like to support our amazing Event, please have a chat with them and/or a F&S Committee member

- Vendor invites have been forwarded
- Letters have been sent to all NSW Orchid Societies advising of the date
- Kevin Western (Western Orchids) will do a deflasking demonstration


Thank you to our Sponsors / supporters for our 2026 Fair & Show....

So far confirmed,

Encore by Mingara accommodation & food discount for our Vendors & Judges

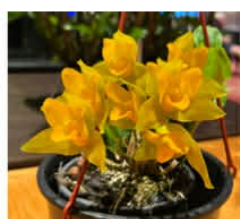
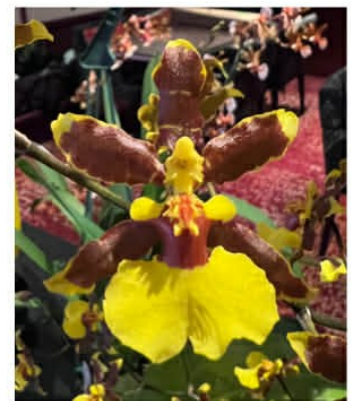


Do you have a topic or a genera that you would like to know about, please let Marie know (0404 041 803 oremail....moc.editor@gmail.com)



Question Box....please write your questions and place into the QUESTION BOX so that we can all learn together

December meeting plants for appreciation





Congratulations.....

Winner of the Lucky Door Fruit Box.

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

**Cresthaven Shopping Centre
Cresthaven Ave. BATEAU BAY Ph. 43391607**

Raffle Winners...

Janice Matts, Peter Brunker, Marie Bartlett, Lesley Rathbone, Virginia Penfold, Jeanette Fraser, Jim McEvoy, Diania Grimshaw, Stanley Longworth, Michelle Bryant, Peter Dunstan, John Bartlett





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POT SHOP


53 Geoffrey Road Chittaway Point
park on the grass - off the road.
(mad drivers on Geoffrey Rd)

CLOSED SUNDAYS & MONDAYS





Just a reminder Port Pots are only available to Mingara Orchid Club financial members.

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

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



Square



2026 Meetings and Shows Calendar.....

January

10-11th Camden Haven OS @ Laurieton
12th MOC Monthly Meeting

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 @ Penrith

May

11th MOC Monthly Meeting
15-17th Orchids Out West
16th MINGARA BUS TRIP OOW - Bookings soon

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.



2025 Fair & Show sponsors and supporters

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