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Pot Shop Orders & Collection

Open by appointment

Call 0407 939 738

September 2025



Next General Monthly Meeting

Monday 8th September 2025

@7.30pm



Arnold Lockrey 'In the Greenhouse'

is also back from 7pm

If you have a plant that you'd like Arnold to look at and go over, please email/call Dellas (secretary) prior to our meeting night with details & if possible a photo of your requirements so we can ensure we have supplies needed for the demonstration on the night.

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



ST IVES BUS TRIP 2025

What a great day we had at the St. Ives orchid show. With a full bus we headed down the M1 at 7.30, arriving in time for a quick look at the local markets. Great coffee and food stalls. Cary greeted us and we entered with a slight discount for a bus, bumping into Dave Munro who hitched a ride with us.

Saw lots of our vendors, and again bought plants we didn't need, but desperately wanted!

The displays were excellent and the Grand Champion was a very beautiful Cymbidium nearly black in colour, very well deserved. We all enjoyed a bacon and egg roll, not good for the diet, but worth it. Of course we had to go back into the vendors area for another quick look. Didn't want to miss anything. Then headed home. Great trip with our excellent driver Steve Dunstan, (didn't need my shovel this time) but just as we arrived back at Westfield, the sky opened up with a torrential down pour. Some of us had umbrellas, not yours truly, I finished up saturated.

Definitely didn't need a shower. Thank you for the great company and great day.

Looking forward to our next big adventure

Dellas

What's Happening....

Presidents report, St Ives Bus Trip, preparing for Spring Show & how you can help

Each month we'll attach an growing guide, all available year round on our website.

President's Report.....



September 2025 Presidents Report

Spring has sprung Yes Yes No No – Who would be an Orchid?!!!!!! It only took 1 nice day for the Australian Native Orchids to open BUTTTT then a cold front comes along halting flowering. Native orchids get to a point where they are fully open and then 'set'. I'm confident the timing will be right for our Spring Show. Don't leave your staking of flower spikes until it's too late for the best presentation of your orchids. Get your spikes upright. Not long now to this great event. Bring your plants for the show on Friday 12th and yourself for the weekend. Lots to do, see & volunteer.

How good was Scott Barries talk on his latest Sarc. breeding at our August meeting. Scott is producing some wonderful Sarc. hybrids. Scott also talked on growing Sarcs. and showed us the mineral chart pointing out that minerals are most useful to plants when water ph is 5.5. I can still remember the first time Scott spoke at MOC a long long long time ago when he showed us the same chart.

Our September speaker is Callyn Farrell from Down Under Native Orchids, based in the Hunter Valley. Cal only being a young bloke is very knowledgeable on a huge range of orchid genera and is an AOC and ANOS judge and an established orchid breeder. Don't miss his talk.

Preparations for the Australian Orchid Conference at Woolgoolga is well underway. As you know MOC is co-ordinating a Central Coast display at this great event. If you can't make it to the conference yourself and think you may want to put some plants in the display please contact Marie or myself as we make be able to take them up for you. Plants would have to be collected on Monday 29th Sept. Plants will then be transported to Woolgoolga on Tuesday 30th, The display will be set up on Wednesday 1st October with Judging all day Thursday 2nd and the Conference Saturday & Sunday. Twill be great.

Another event not to be missed is our special guest speaker at the October general meeting. Bruce Gray from Atherton Nth QLD who will give us an insight into our FNQ native orchids with pictures of orchids in the wild from areas we will never get to see.

More about Bruce - <https://australianorchidfoundation.org.au/bruce-gray-aoh/>

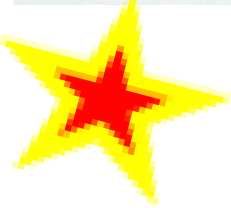
That's it for now. Good growing and flowering. See you at the September meeting with Callyn Farrell.

Steve Dunstan

President



Show Marshall's Updates

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- **Notes from Neville Anderson**, our recent speaker from Woolgoolga....

The 17th Element.... Potassium silicate is used as a bio stimulate to strengthen plants, protecting them from mites and other insects. It also strengthens the cell walls, forming a physical barrier against infection by pathogens.

Silicates increase the growth rate of plants. They promote photosynthesis and strengthen the cells.

Nevilles recommendationI use it at **1ml to the litre once a month** "By it's Self ", not mixed with other nutrients

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- **Australian Orchid Conference at Woolgoolga..... 3rd, 4th, 5th October**

Our floor display is 4M. X 4M.

We need plants to fill our display. If you have plants, we have members travelling to the Conference who can take them. Please let us know

Anyone looking for late accommodation in Woolgoolga, there is an availability for the dates **Thurs Oct 2nd-Mon 6th Oct**. Please see **Marie** or contact on **0404 041 803**

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- **Pot Shop news....Virus Test Kits** now in stock

Campbells Yellow fertilizer (to aid flowering)...\$16 tub...as recommended by Neville to increase plant development and growth



Members Sales Table

A commission of 15% of the selling price will be deducted from the sale.

Plants to be clean, tidy and free from disease and established in the pot or other growing media.

The right to judge the saleability of a plant is reserved by the Show Marshal or any member of the Mingara Orchid Committee. Their judgment is final

Please provide a list of your plants for sale and hand to Sale Table volunteers

***** **Members selling any Australian Native Orchid** must complete the appropriate form **BEFORE** placing with Sales Table Volunteers.

Both forms have been sent by Dellas last week and also available at the Show & Meeting

Mingara Meeting Speakers Calendar

Some amazing speakers coming this year...

September 8th... Callyn Farrell from Down Under Native Orchids
Breeding, growing and judging Dendrobium section Rhizobium (aka Dockrillia's).

October 13th... Bruce Gray

November 10th... TBA

Dec 8th... Mingara Orchid Society AGM



2025 Spring Show update....

- ✓ **Plant benching** is 9am to 12midday. Judging to begin @ 2pm
- ✓ **For this Show** you just....
bring your plant/s,
tell the Registrar how many plants you have
take the appropriate numbered stickers and place on your plant
then place onto the tables into their Class Number
- ✓ **Show Schedule** attached with this email or available for download on our website www.mingaraorchidclub.com.au
- ✓ **Cresthaven Fruit Market** will donate a Fruit & Veg Box for one of our (Lucky) Exhibitors at the Show
- ✓ Lucky volunteer prize
- ✓ **Coast FM 96.3 'At Home with the Gardening Gang'** will broadcast their Show live from our Event on Saturday morning between 8am & 10am.
- ✓ **Coast FM 96.3 Radio** ads will begin Monday 1st September over 2 weeks leading up to our Spring Show
- ✓ **VOLUNTEERS** once again we need your support to make this another great event... please **contact Peter Bruner 0468733732** if you can help out
- ✓ MOC Pot Shop with Bark & Accessories
- ✓ Kawana Gardens with Hoyas and Rhypsalis, Ivan's Orchids, Susan's Succulents & Swagman Sprayers
- ✓ Markets, Op Shop
- ✓ BBQ, tea, coffee & home baked goodies
- ✓ Art display & sales
- ✓ Knitting display





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August meeting Benching

SPECIMEN OF THE NIGHT



Doc. (Aussie Phil x dolichophylla)
x Tweetas 'Red Lip'
Mark Mathews

NOVICE OF THE NIGHT



Cymbidium Unknown
Jennie Thorn

MEMBERS CHOICE



Vanda Somari Paragon
(RHS)
Jennie Thorn

HYBRID OF THE NIGHT



Den. Hilda Poxon 'Ah Leh'
John & Marie Bartlett

SPECIES OF THE NIGHT



Dendrochilium stenophyllum
Arnold Lockrey

Pictures continued on next page.....

Plants benched for August meeting cont.....



Cym. Lana Kira
'Lemon Glow'
Robyn Whatman



Den. Miyakei
Dave Munro



Epidendrum polybulbon
Peter Brunker



Coelogyne lawrencena
Anita Williams



Rlc. George King 'Southern Cross'
Paul Eleven



Dendrochilium longibulbon
Dellas Johnston



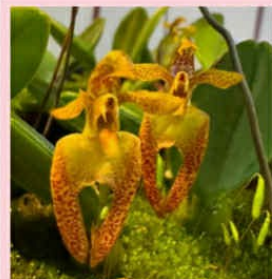
Dendrochilium niveum
Thuy Tran



Masd. menatoi
John & Marie Bartlett



Den. heterocarpum
Stewart Newman



Bulb. lasiochilum 'Yellow'
Paul Irwin



Mediocalcar decoratum
Rev Peter Dunstan



C. Cherry Bee
Dave Munro



Cit. Varut Startrack 'CS'
Dave Munro



Cit. Iodigessii
Dave Munro



Ang. elephantinum
John & Marie Bartlett



Zygo. Jumping Jack
Paul Eleven



Paph. venustum 'Pink Wings'
x 'Flat Wings'



Den. torrense
Arnold Lockrey



Paph. villosum
Rev Peter Dunstan



Lc. Mini Purple 'Tamama'

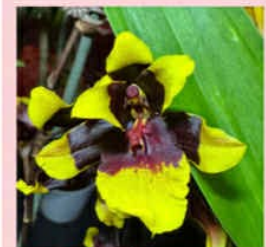
Plants benched for August meeting cont.....



Den. Jonathan's Glory 'Dark Joy'
Paul Coomber



Paph. Lathamianum
John & Marie Bartlett



Pot. Roy's Magic 'Janett'
Jorgen Schultz



Den. Debonair
Arnold Lockrey



Den. Virginia Jupp
Rev Peter Dunstan



Den. Star Sheen x
Den. Red River
Thuy Tran



Tolu. Capalaba Gold x
(Swans Awe x Capalaba Sun)
John & Marie Bartlett



Den. Star Sheen x
Den. Red River
Paul Irwin



Den. Jonathan's Glory 'Dark Joy'
Mark Mathews



Doc. fuliginosa x Duffy x teretifolia
'Hexham Gold'
Peter Brunker



Den. Aussie Parade 'Perfection' x
Den. Hilda Poxon 'Measles'
Thuy Tran



Paph. Rosy Dawn
Rev Peter Dunstan



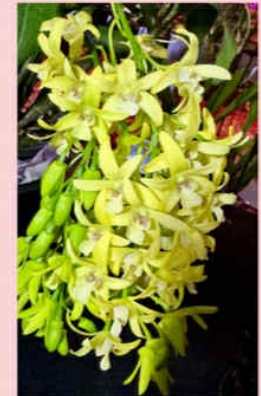
Den. Hilda Poxon 'Ah Leh'
Paul Eleven



Den. Burgundy 'Doll' x
Den. Eureka Yellow
Rick & Gaewyn Hurst



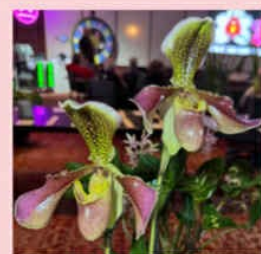
Onc. Possum Woolf
'Caroline'
Paul Eleven



Dendrobium Unknown
Arnold Lockrey



Rlc. Dendi's Bouquet 'Ellie'
Dave Munro



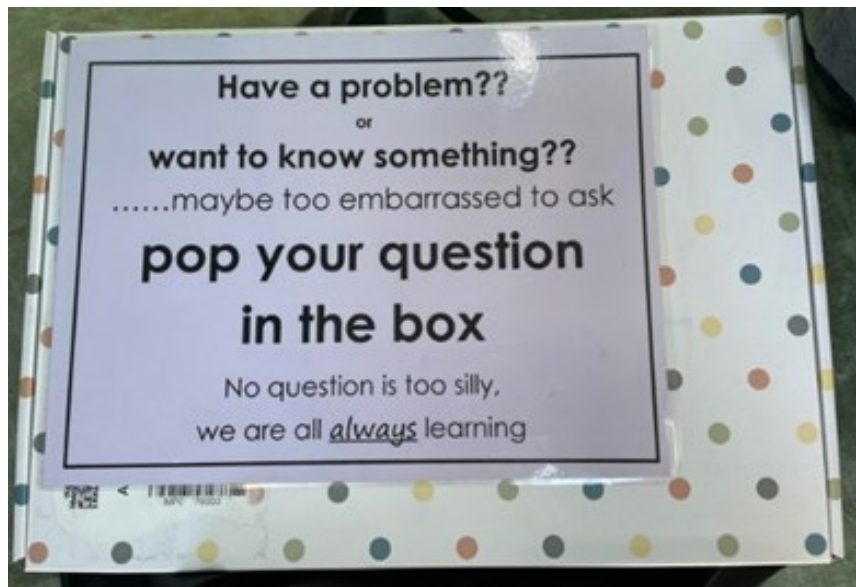
Paph. Chouvetii
John & Marie Bartlett



Paph. Alois Handlbaur
John & Marie Bartlett



Doc. Grumpy 'George' x
Doc. Memoria Jean Deas
Paul Eleven



Ask away!

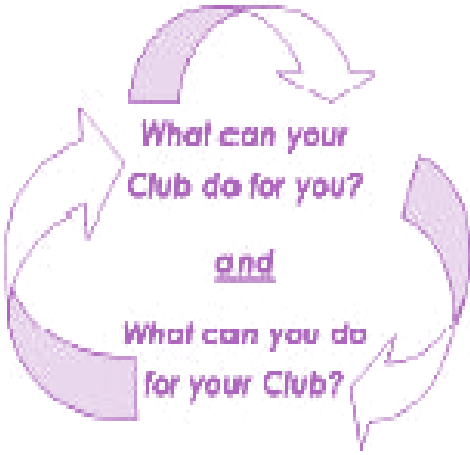
We don't bite! (well some might, but most don't) 😊

NO question too small or "silly"

Being a part of **Mingara Orchid Society** is about sharing and learning all about our wonderful plants.

We have a few new members who are Novices so feel free to ask or share your thoughts and questions.

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.



Tea or Coffee & biscuits
\$2



Congratulations.....
Winner of the Lucky Door Fruit Box.
Peter Brunker
Lucky Exhibitor
Thuy Tran

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...
Stanley Longworth, Lesley Rathbone, Robyn Whatman, Amanda Alexanderson (Gifted to Ian Thorn), & Jennie Thorn





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 By Appointment & Pick up only
 Mon-Fri 10-4pm
 www.mingaraorchidclub.com.au
 Text or call 0407 939 738 for
 availability




POT SHOP OPEN!!

Ring Dallas Johnston – 0407939738

By appointment only.

POT SHOP HAS MOVED!!

Now located at

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

CLOSED SUNDAYS

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.

Due to the delay in opening, Pot Shop vouchers will be valid to 31 st May 2025



2025 Meetings and Shows Calendar.....

September

6th - 7th Maitland & Coalfields OS @ School of Arts Hall 110 High St Morpeth
8th MOC Monthly Meeting
13th - 14th Mingara Spring Fair & Show
17th - 20th Central Coast & Lakes @ HomeCo
20th - 21st South & West Region Orchid Show & Conference @ Exhibition Park Canberra
20th - 21st Mingara Relay 4 Life
27th-28th Maclean & District Show @ Maclean Showground

October

1st-5th AOC 2025 @ Woolgoolga Sports Complex
11th - 12th ANOS CC Sarcophilus Show @ Narara Valley Nursery
13th MOC Monthly Meeting
18th - 19th Central Coast & Hunter Cymbidium Society Show - Tuggerah Home Co
17th-19th Orchids Central - Condell Park
18th - Collectors Plant Fair @ Maitland
18th - 19th ANOS Newcastle @ Windale-Gateshead Bowling Club

November

10th MOC Monthly Meeting
29th Mingara Christmas Party @ Anglican Church Bateau Bay

December

8th MOC Monthly Meeting

SPRING IS HERE!



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2025 AOC

International Conference & Show

Orchids
from the
Mountains
to the Sea

23rd Australian Orchid Council
International Conference & Show 2025

Wednesday, October 1 to Sunday, October 5

Woolgoolga Sports Complex
Solitary Islands Way, Woolgoolga
New South Wales, Australia

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE
REGISTRATION

For early bird registration price
paid before July 1 - \$220 per person
Full price - \$300 per person
Contact Annie Houston on
0410 628 662
or email Annie
woolgoolga.dist.orch@gmail.com

VENDOR REGISTRATION

Table space for vendors will
be limited.

Early registration recommended.

COST: 4 Tables \$575

Frontage - 7.2 metres wide

Contact Ann Deans on

0466 265 357

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Hundreds of magical orchids and
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8 International and
Australia-wide
Guest Speakers

See our Website for more information - www.aoc2025.org.au

MINGARA SPRING FAIR & SHOW



13TH & 14TH
SEPTEMBER 2025

EXOTICS AND AUSTRALIAN NATIVE
ORCHIDS ON DISPLAY
JUDGING BY AOC AND ANOS JUDGES

Vendors - Kawana Gardens, Ivan's Orchids,
Susan's Succulents, MOC Members sales
table + MORE



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Mingara Relay For Life

Date: September, Saturday 20th - Sunday 21st

Where: Mingara Regional Athletics Centre

Register now at
www.relayforlife.org.au/mingara



SPRING FLORAL SPECTACULAR 2025



20 September 10am-4pm
21 September 10am-3:15pm



Fitzroy Pavilion
Exhibition Park In Canberra

South and West Region Orchid Show and Conference

Presented by the Orchid Society of Canberra



Displays of orchids by the Albury-Wodonga, Canberra, Eurobodalla,
Sapphire, Shoalhaven, and Wagga Wagga societies
Conference on orchid growing by orchid specialists
(registration for conference essential)

Further information: www.canberraorchids.org



Spring Bulb and Camellia Show

Presented by the Horticultural Society of Canberra

Further information: www.hsoc.org.au



Entry: \$5 per person, Members and Children (14 and under) Free

Plants and products for sale by:

Johnston's Orchids South Pacific Hydroponics
Orchid Species Plus Horticultural Society of Canberra
Sims Orchids Orchid Society of Canberra



Orchids Central Orchid Displays and Sales

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

17th to 19th October 2025

9.30am - 4pm Friday and
Saturday

9.30am - 2pm Sunday

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

Vendors

Alice's Orchids Nicky's Slippers Sakdisri Nursery
Hamiltons World of Cacti Orchid Care Services The Orchid Place
Johnston's Orchids Orchids of Distinction
Kingfisher Orchid Nursery RoLin Orchids Wirra Willa Orchids-
Kings Nursery Queenplants & Orkid
Design

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