



AOC ORCHIDS QUARTERLY

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Welcome members and other interested parties, to the first of our quarterly newsletters which you will receive through your provided e-mail address. This is a new and exciting initiative from the Australian Orchid Council and we hope to reach all personal members and member clubs, as well as any other interested parties in Australia. Please feel free to forward this newsletter to anyone that may be interested in receiving it. Orchid societies and clubs receiving this newsletter are welcome to forward it to their members by email as well.

We hope to keep you informed and up to date with orchid information, shows and events, and relevant information about orchids and orchid people. We also aim to keep you informed about the activities of the Orchid Council and we are working for the benefit of all members.

Anything you may wish published or any ideas for future editions please contact our hard-working editor, Henk Venter. All clubs are welcome to promote their upcoming shows and events in the newsletter, and are also welcome to provide results of shows, photos of interesting plants and people at meetings and shows, and anything that you feel may interest other members and orchid growers around the country. This newsletter will not be replacing the magazine in any way, but will add to the information we are able to disseminate around the country, and in a way that is quicker and more easily accessible. For any contributions, suggestions or questions, please email Henk on editor@australianorchidcouncil.com.au.

Please enjoy the newsletter and look out for the fantastic special offer from Red Fox Orchids in their advertisement on p3 of this issue - only available to readers of this newsletter who enter the special code when ordering online. Other advertisers will hopefully follow suit with similar special offers in future editions. If any advertisers need more information, please reach out to Henk as well.

Regards
Neil Hardstaff, President AOC

Are you a subscriber to Orchids Australia, the bi-monthly magazine of the Australian Orchid Council? Our February issue was slightly delayed, but is due out for posting in the next few days and should be with you soon. This issue is chock-full of interesting articles with spectacular photographs which are bound to enthrall you, including material from several authors new to our publication seeing their first articles in print in our magazine for the first time. Also many articles from our regular contributors, without which the magazine would not be the same. Our April issue will also be slightly delayed but should reach you before the end of April - we have some very interesting articles lined up!



And if you are not a subscriber - what is stopping you? Orchids Australia is one of the longest continually published orchid magazines in the world, and rates highly on the international front by all accounts.

Australian subscriptions are only \$70 per year for 6 issues (including postage). For more information, contact the secretary: admin@australianorchidcouncil.com.au

Some interesting cultural information from the recent newsletter of Red Fox Orchids:

Time to Fungicide

After heavy rain, warm nights and constant moisture, fungal issues love to sneak in quietly. Black spotting, rot, leaf spotting can often show up weeks after the weather event.

Autumn is the perfect reset window. A preventative spray now can save you heartbreak later.

How to Apply Fungicide

After a wet, humid summer, a two-step approach gives the best protection.

Mancozeb (Protectant) - Best used as a preventative.

- Spray in early morning
- Thoroughly coat tops and undersides of leaves.
- Avoid spraying in full sun or extreme heat.
- Reapply every 10–14 days during humid conditions.

Mancozeb sits on the surface of the plant and prevents fungal spores from establishing.

Systemic Fungicide - Best used if you suspect infection or want internal protection.

- Apply as a spray, ensuring full leaf coverage.
- Some systemics can also be applied as a drench — check label directions.
- Repeat as directed (usually 14 days).

Systemics are absorbed into the plant tissue, helping stop fungal issues from spreading internally.

Editor's note: For new growers, please take care when applying toxic chemicals and get advice from other growers if needed.

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Red Fox Orchids is offering an "Easter Bunny Special" to all readers of this newsletter for the period 15 March 2026 - 15 April 2026.

Simply place your order online from their website www.redfoxorchids.com.au and enter the code **EasterAOC** when checking out, and you will receive a free potting starter pack with your order.

The starter pack includes:

- 250g tub of Plantacoat plus
- 10 x 40cm sticks
- 10 x 100mm plant labels
- 15 x 10mm orchid clips

Don't miss out on this amazing offer. Red Fox Orchids has a large and varied range of orchid genera, both species and hybrids, houseplants and foliage plants, carnivorous plants, bromeliads and tillandsias, and equipment and accessories and even flasks on offer!



Stawell Orchid Soc.

SEMINAR

Saturday 23rd May 2026

9.00am - 5.00pm

Senior Citizens Rooms

Victoria St STAWELL

Guest Speakers

David Wain Wain's Orchids
 Stephen Stebbing Orchids on Newbold
 Deane Johnston Johnston's Orchids
 Michael Coker Boutique Orchids
 Craig Miles Orchids of Distinction

Admission \$15.00 includes Devonshire Tea

Guest Speakers will have plants for sale

RSVP by 1st May 2026

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LOGAN AND DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY
 50th Anniversary
 1976-2026

Logan and District Orchid Society

Come join us...
 Third Tuesday of Every Month at 7:30pm
 Ben Matthews Playground
 Community Centre
 47-55 Ellen Street, Logan Central

Visitors are always welcome

Beginner to Specialist Inclusive
 Expert Presentations & Advice
 Hands on Workshops
 ...and much more!

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Upcoming Show Dates

NEW SOUTH WALES

Bankstown Orchid Society

21-23 May; 23-25 July
Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Level 1, 92 Parramatta Rd,
Lidcombe - Shopping Centre hours

Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts Orchid clubs

Autumn Show: 11- 12 April Sat: 9—3pm, Sun: 10—3pm
Winter Show: 4-5 July Sat: 9—3pm, Sun: 10—3pm
Melrose Hall, Cnr Gt Western Hway and Park St, Emu
Plains

Blacktown City Orchid Society

21-22 June Sat 830-530pm, Sun 830-3pm, Seven Hills
Shopping Place, 224 Prospect H'way Seven Hills

Campbelltown & District OS

9-12 July 9am-5pm
MacArthur Square, 200 Gilchrist Drive, Campbelltown
(near Chemist Warehouse, enter via Kellicar Rd)

Camden Haven Orchid Soc

Winter Show: at 13 - Sun 14 June
All shows held at: Laurieton United Services Club, Sey-
mour Str. Laurieton Sat 10am-4pm; Sun 9.30am-3pm

Casino Orchid Society

29-30 May Fri 9-3pm, Sat 9-1pm
St Mark's Hall, C/- West & Barker Str Casino

City of Lismore Orchid Society

9-11 April, Lismore shopping Centre
Thur/Fri 9-6pm, Sat 9-12noon

Coffs Harbour Orchid Society

Autumn Show 25-26 April Sat 10-5pm, Sun 8-3pm
North Coast Regional Botanic Gardens, Hardacre Str,
Coffs Harbour Enq: Kerrie 0427 515 887

Five Dock RSL Orchid Society

7-9 May 9am-5pm & 3- 5 Sept
122-138 Flood St, Leichhardt (entrance via Lord Rd to
roof top parking and elevator to LG level (Target)

Hawkesbury Orchid Society

30 April - 1 May, shopping centre hours
Richmond Market Place, March St Richmond

Maclean And District Orchid Society

1-2 May Fri 9-5pm, Sat 9-2pm
Maclean Showground

Maitlands & Coalfields OS

Autumn Show 24&25 April (closed Sat) Cessnock City
Scout Hall, 284 Maitland Rd, Cessnock
Winter Show- 4-5 July
Morpeth School of Arts, 110 High Str, Morpeth

Manning River Orchid Society

19-20 June Fri 9-4pm, Sat 9-2pm
Uniting Church Auditorium, 29 Albert Str Taree

Milton Ulladulla Orchid Society

Winter Show 4-5 July
Sat 9-4pm, Sun 9-2pm
Ulladulla Civic Centre

Mingara Orchid Fair

Sat 27 Jun 9-4pm Sun 28 Jun 9-3pm
Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi

Nambucca Valley Orchid Society

Autumn Show 7-8 May 9-4pm
9 May, 9-2pm
Nambucca Seniors Centre, 11 Kent Str, Nambucca

North Shore Orchid Society

11-13 June shopping centre hours
St Ives Shopping village, Mona Vale Rd St Ives

Orchids Out West (OSNSW)

15-16 May Sat 9-4pm, Sun 9-2pm
Hawkesbury Showground,
Clarendon Phone for info: 0408 264 04

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society

19-20 June Fri 10-4pm, Sat 10-3pm
Woolooware Shore Retirement Village, 2-28 Alexander
Ave, Taren Point

Tweed District Orchid Society

Autumn Show 29-30 May Fri 9-4pm, Sat 9-3pm
Jessie McMillan Hall, 16 Wollumbin Str, Murwillumbah

Woodburn/Evans Head & district Orchid & Foli- age Society

Autumn Show (Mother's Day)
9-10 May Sat 830-4pm Sun 830-2pm
Woodburn Memorial Hall, River Str, Woodburn

Woolgoolga District Orchid Soc

Winter show
6-7 June Wiigulga Sports Complex, solitary Islands
Way, Woolgoolga
Combined Winter show with Coffs Harbour 6-7 June at
the Sangeet rooms at the Wiigulga Sports complex.

QUEENSLAND

Ayr and District Orchids and Allied Plants Soc - NOTICE

A new meeting venue is effective from 2026, at the Ayr
Masonic Lodge Hall on the 1st Sunday of each month
excl January, from 2pm.

Brisbane Orchid Society

Autumn Show: 2 May, 8-3pm
Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland
Rd, Belmont

Bundaberg Orchid Society

8-10 May - at the new easy access venue: Bunda-
berg Recreational Precinct, off University Drive,
Branyan Fri/Sat 8-4pm, Sun 8-1pm

Caboolture Orchid Society

Closed show: 8-9 May at Caboolture Square Shopping Centre, King St Caboolture
June - display at Caboolture Agricultural Show
Open Show: 17-18 July at Morayfield Community Hall, Morayfield Rd, Morayfield

Caloundra Orchid Society

Autumn Show 17-18 April
Fri 9-4pm, Sat 9-2pm

Eastern District Orchid Soc

Autumn Show 21-22 March
Sat 830-4pm, Sun 830-2pm
Brisbane International Shooting Centre, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd, Balmoral

Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Soc

Easter Show 3-4 April
Fri 9-4pm, Sat 9-4pm
Bill Robertson Toyota Showroom, 84 Hanson Rd, Gladstone

Glasshouse Country OS Show

11 April, 8am-4pm
Glasshouse Community Hall
8 Coonowrin Rd, Glass House Mountains

Gympie and District Orchid Soc

Autumn Show 2-3 May
Sat 8-4pm, Sun 8-2pm
Winter Show 20 June 9-3pm
Indoor Bowls Club, 35 Graham Str, Gympie

Ipswich Garden Spectacular

10,11,12 April
Silkstone State School Hall, Prospect St, Silkstone

Mackay & District Orchid Soc

Autumn Show 21-22 March
Shows are held at Senior Citizens Centre, 58 Macalister Str Mackay. Sat 8-4pm, Sun 9-2pm

Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Society

Mother's Day Show 8-9 May
Cooroy Memorial Hall, Cooroy

Queensland Orchid Society

Autumn Show 7-8 March
Sat 8.30-3pm Sun 8.30-2pm
Belmont International Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd, Belmont

Redcliffe District Orchid Soc

Autumn Show 17-18 April Times 8.30-3pm each day
Webb Hall, Redcliffe Showgrounds, Scarborough Rd, Redcliffe

Rockhampton Orchid Society

Autumn Show 21-22 March
Venue is Robert Schwarten Pavilion at the Rockhampton Show Grounds

Southport & District Orchid Soc

Winter Show: 4 July
Country Paradise Parklands, 231 Nerang-Beaudesert Rd, Nerang

Toowoomba Orchid Society

Autumn Show 16-17 May
Sat 830-3pm; Sun 8.30-2pm
St Paul's Church Hall, 28 Phillip Str Toowoomba

Townsville Orchid Society

Autumn Show 10-12 Apr; Winter show 3-5 July

West Brisbane Orchid Society

Autumn Show
28-29 March 2026
Mt Coot-tha Auditorium, Brisbane Botanical Gardens,
152 Mt Coot-tha Rd, Mt Coot-tha
Sat 830-3pm, Sun 9-1.30pm
Presentations 2pm Sunday

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Orchid Club of South Australia

Autumn Show -11 April 10am - 4pm
All shows at Klemzig Community Hall, 232 North East Road, Klemzig SA 5087

Riverland Orchid Society

Winter Show 25-26 July
Sat 930-4pm, Sun 930-3pm
Barmera Primary School, 1 Rumbold Dr, Barmera

South Coast Orchid Club of SA

Autumn Show 8-9 May
Seaford Shopping Centre, Commercial Rd, Seaford
Winter Show 25-26 July
Sat 9-4pm, Sun 10-4pm
Marion and Warradale Uniting Church Hall, Township Rd, Marion

NORTHERN TERRITORY

35th NT Orchid Spectacular

13-14 June; Foskey Pavilion, Darwin Show Ground
Sat 9-4pm, Sun 9-3pm

VICTORIA

Geelong Orchid and Indoor Plant Club

Winter Show Sat 27 - Sun 28 June
Christ Church Hall, 57 McKillop St, c/-McKillop & Moorabool Street, Geelong - John 0414 672 665

Maribyrnong Orchid Club

Winter Show: Sat 11- Sun 12 July
Venue: Maribyrnong Community Centre, 9 Randall Street, Maribyrnong Sat 9am - 4pm, Sun 9am - 3pm

TASMANIA

Launceston Orchid Club

Winter Show Sat 18 July, Max Fry Hall, Trevallyn

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Northern District Society

Autumn Show
Sun 3 May 9am-3pm
Bruce Douglas Pavillion, Salisbury Rd, Swan View
Bruce: 0417 903 280