



AOC ORCHIDS QUARTERLY

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Hello and welcome to our Quarterly Newsletter.

We are experiencing early spring days this year in Tasmania and in the next few weeks I am sure the local spring Orchid shows will benefit. We had the Launceston Spring show last weekend and it was unfortunate up until now the weather was not so good and we had less flowers to display. The show was well attended with big interest in the sales area and potting demonstrations, and I displayed some of my Bonsai collection. We have sent in a report on our show so you will see this soon in Orchids Australia.

There are shows all across the country at the moment with some beautiful orchids to be seen with many members working hard to present the shows for members to display their orchids and hopefully win Grand Champion or have their plant awarded and for the public to come and look and buy some plants. Hopefully this will encourage new members to your club. I hope all of you can get to many shows and see what other clubs and other areas of the country are doing here. I know in Tasmania even travelling a short distance to the other clubs shows with a few weeks difference in time show a remarkable difference in the orchids on display. Keep spreading the word about the newsletter and getting it out to as many people as possible, so orchid growers across the country can keep up with all the news.

Henk is still after information as your club holds its spring show make sure someone writes up a report with a few pictures and sends in so the whole of the country can see the results of your efforts. You may want to advertise in the newsletter or the magazine and get your products out to orchid growers so contact Henk and he will help you out.

Please keep your delegate informed of club activities so they can also help address any issues or problems you may have. Val Reid has only recently taken over in Queensland and would welcome any contact from clubs throughout the state.

The AOC AGM will be held via Zoom this October, and all clubs have received the relevant documentation from the AOC Secretary if you are not sure or want further information, please contact the Secretary. If your membership has expired and you are renewing, please note the actual membership fee to also receive Orchids Australia has changed. We are still receiving \$60 fees when this was updated to \$70 in Australia last January, and the website is now up to date with the correct rates. Look at the updated website and see all the latest awards and other updated information.

Enjoy the Newsletter

Neil Hardstaff President

Orchids Australia

Are you a member of the AOC? If so, you would receive Orchids Australia, the bi-monthly magazine of the Australian Orchid Council. Our August issue is out now and has some wonderful articles including a photographic report back on the orchids at the Chelsea Flower show earlier this year in London. The October issue is in process at the moment and will have just as many great articles, report backs on local shows and a list of all upcoming shows in Australia for the rest of the year - and in this newsletter you can see a list of the shows coming up in the next few months for which we have information - if your local show details are not there, let the editor have the information for inclusion in the next issue.

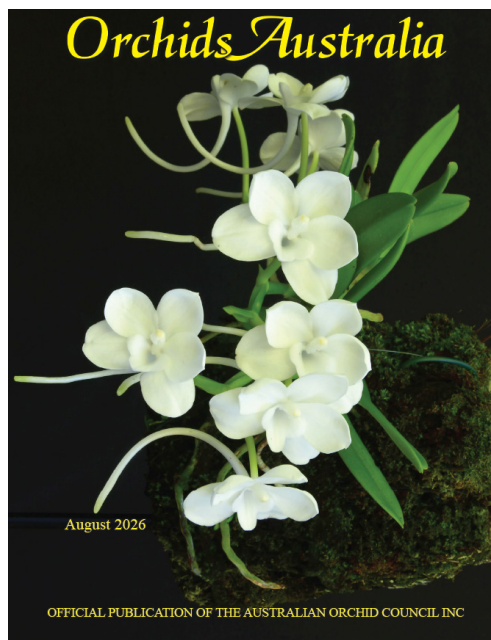
For more information on the benefits of joining the Australian Orchid Council (one of which is a subscription to Orchid Australia), please contact the secretary:
admin@australianorchidcouncil.com.au

Watering in Spring - from the recent Red Fox Orchids newsletter:

When it comes to watering orchids, longer doesn't necessarily mean better. Orchid roots are designed to take up water quickly. The velamen, the spongy outer layer of the roots, can become saturated within minutes, with most water uptake occurring during the first 15 to 30 minutes. After this, absorption continues at a much slower rate, so a prolonged soak may provide little additional benefit.

For routine watering, a thorough drench can be just as effective and has some additional advantages. Watering heavily from the top ensures the entire root zone is wet while also flushing accumulated fertiliser salts and plant waste down through the potting mix and out of the drainage holes. As the water moves through the mix, it also draws fresh air into the root zone. This is similar to the natural conditions experienced by many epiphytic orchids, where roots are thoroughly wetted by rain and then allowed to dry rather than remaining submerged.

Soaking still has its place, particularly for severely dehydrated plants, very thick-rooted orchids or potting mixes that have become difficult to wet. For normal watering, however, the goal should be to thoroughly wet the entire root system and then allow appropriate drying between waterings. Good hydration is less about how long the pot sits in water and more about making sure all of the roots receive a proper drink when you water. A practical watering routine: Water heavily from the top of the pot until water is running freely from the drainage holes. Move on to the next plants, then come back and give them a second thorough drench 10 to 15 minutes later. This gives any dry bark or potting mix time to absorb moisture before the second watering, while still allowing



excess water, fertiliser salts and waste to flush freely from the pot. Then leave the plant to drain and allow it to dry appropriately before watering again.



Photo from the Andy's Orchids website

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24th World Orchid Conference



The Proceedings will be published shortly

Pre-order the printed version now!

The Proceedings document the 24th World Orchid Conference in Dresden, Germany – featuring scientific papers, reports, photographs, and reflections on an extraordinary international orchid event.

The focus of the publication is the conference's extensive scientific program. The official proceedings will include more than 40 detailed scientific papers based on the presentations, as well as approximately 30 papers on the posters presented. They reflect the wide range of topics covered at the WOC 2026 and provide insights into current research, species conservation, ecology, taxonomy, cultivation, and breeding.

Numerous photos provide vivid impressions of the international orchid exhibition. They showcase the diversity of the plants on display, the design of the exhibition stands, and the special atmosphere during the event.

Another focus is on the judging of the exhibited orchids. The proceedings document the judging process as well as the award-winning plants and display stands.

This creates a comprehensive picture of the 24th World Orchid Conference, from the scientific content to the exhibition and judging, all the way to the encounters, travels, and personal memories.

The Proceedings not only preserve expert knowledge but also tell the story of an international orchid event that made Dresden the center of the orchid world for a few days this past March.

Full Registrants of WOC 2026 will receive the Proceedings in digital form as part of their conference fee.

Additionally, a print edition is in preparation and can already be pre-ordered. The exact publication date has not yet been determined and will be announced as soon as production can be definitively scheduled.

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Find detailed information on pre-ordering and shipping at www.woc-2026.com/en/proceedings

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The editor of Orchids Australia is looking for articles on native orchids, growing orchids in general and genera in particular, or even just your interesting observations on what makes orchid growing fun - send your contributions to editor@australianorchidcouncil.com.au

Pine Rivers Orchid Society Inc.

Orchid Show

Saturday 26 Sept. 2026 - 8.30am – 2pm and

Sunday 27 Sept. 2026 - 8.30am – 1pm

Kallangur State School Hall

Old Gympie Rd, Kallangur (near Storey Rd)

Admission \$5.00 – Children Free

Orchids for sale from specialist nurseries

Free orchid culture advice

Potting Demonstrations, Craft Table

Wheelchair friendly venue, Ample parking



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!

Find us at...
lados.org.au
or... Find us on facebook.

Send us a flyer for your show and a report back with photos on how it went! We would love to use it in the newsletter or magazine where we have room available!

Upcoming Show Dates

ACT

Canberra Orchid Society Show

19-20 Sept Sat 10-4pm, Sun 10-3pm
Fitzroy Pavilion, Exhibition Park, Canberra

NEW SOUTH WALES

Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Soc

Native & Exotic Show 24-25 Oct
Sat 10-4pm; Sun 10-3pm
All shows at the Soldiers Club, Beach Rd,
Batemans Bay

Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts Orchid clubs

Late Spring Show: 31 Oct & 1st Nov.
Sat: 9am-3pm, Sun: 10am-3pm
Melrose Hall, Cnr Gt Western Hwy and
Park St, Emu Plains

Campbelltown & District OS

8-11 Oct 9am-5pm MacArthur Square, 200
Gilchrist Drive, Campbelltown (near Chem-
ist Warehouse, enter via Kellicar Rd)

Camden Haven Orchid Soc

Spring Show: Sat 12 - Sun 13 Sept
All shows held at: Laurieton United Ser-
vices Club, Seymour Str.
Laurieton with opening hours:
Sat 10am-4pm; Sun 9.30am-3pm

Coffs Harbour Orchid Society

Spring Show 12-13 September
Sat 10-5pm, Sun 8-3pm
North Coast Regional Botanic Gardens,
Hardacre Str, Coffs Harbour
Enq: Kerrie 0427 515 887

Milton Ulladulla Orchid Society

Spring Show 12-13 Sep
Sat 9-4pm, Sun 9-2pm
Ulladulla Civic Centre

Mingara Orchid Fair

Spring Show Sat 12 Sep 9-3pm, Sun 13
Sep 10-3 pm
Anglican Church Bateau Bay

Nambucca Valley Orchid Society

Spring Show 3-4 Sept 9-4pm
5 Sept 9-2pm
Nambucca Seniors Centre, 11 Kent Str,
Nambucca

Northern Rivers Species OS

Annual Show 21-24 October
Lismore Central Shopping Centre, Lis-
more. Meetings 4th Sunday of the month
130pm Lismore Public School Library, c/-
Dibbs & Pound St, Lismore

Orchids Central (OSNSW)

18-20 September
Fri/Sat 930-4pm, Sun 930-2pm
Club Condell Park, 178 Eldridge St, Con-
dell Park

Sapphire Coast Orchid Club

Spring Show: 11 - 12 Sept, 9-4pm
Tathra Surf Club, Tathra
Summer Show: 30-31 Oct 9-4pm
Pambula Town Hall, Pambula

Shoalhaven Orchid Society

October Show Sat 17 Oct 9-3pm
All shows at Bomaderry Community
Centre, 17 Birriley Str, Bomaderry

Summer Orchid Festival (OSNSW)

4-6 December
Sat 10-4pm, Sun 10-3pm
George Hall Community Centre Hall, 188
Birdwood Rd, George Hall

Tweed District Orchid Society

Spring Show 28-29 August
Fri 9-4pm, Sat 9-3pm
Jessie McMillan Hall, 16 Wollumbin Str,
Murwillumbah
Annual Fair and Show
31 Oct - 1 Nov
Sat 830-4pm, sun 830-2pm
Tweed Heads Civic Centre, Cnr Wharf &
Brett Str, Tweed Heads

Wagga Wagga Orchid Society

26-27 September Spring Show
Glenfield Community Centre, 8 Tanda
Place, Glenfield Park

Woodburn/Evans Head & district Or- chid & Foliage Society

Spring Show 18-20 Sept
Fri/Sat 830-4pm Sun 830-2pm
Woodburn Memorial Hall, River Str,
Woodburn

QUEENSLAND

Beerwah Spring Orchid Spectacular 25-26 September

Fri 830-430pm, Sat 830-230pm
Beerwah Community Hall, 25 Peachester
Rd Beerwah
www.glasshouseorchids.com.au

Bribie Island Orchid Society Spring Spectacular

8-9 October Contact society for info

Brisbane Orchid Society

Spring show
21 November 8-3pm
1485 Old Cleveland Rd, Belmont

Hervey Bay Orchid Society

Orchid & Garden Spectacular Show
25-27 September
Fri/Sat 8-4pm, Sun 8-12pm
Xavier Catholic College, 1 Wide Bay Dr,
Hervey Bay

Mackay & District Orchid Soc

Spring Show: 17-18 October
Senior Citizens Centre, 58 Macalister Str
Mackay. Sat 8-4pm, Sun 9-2pm

Maryborough District Orchid Soc

Spring Show 10 - 12 Sept
10th, 11th 830-4pm, 12th 830-12pm
St Pauls Memorial Hall, Cnr Adelaide &
Ellena Streets, Maryborough

Nambour Orchid Society

Species Show 4 Nov Sat 8-5pm
Uniting Church Hall, Gloucester Str,
Buderim

Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Society

Spring Show 18-19 Sept
Cooroy Memorial Hall, Cooroy

Pine Rivers Orchid Society

Spring Show 26-27 Sept
Kallangur State School Hall, Old Gympie
Rd entrance

Redcliffe District Orchid Soc

Spring Show 18-19 September
Times 8.30-3pm each day
Webb Hall, Redcliffe Showgrounds, Scar-
borough Rd, Redcliffe

Rockhampton Orchid Society

Spring Show 26-27 September
Venue is Robert Schwarten Pavilion at the
Rockhampton Show Grounds

Southport & District Orchid Soc

Spring/Summer Show: 28 Nov
Country Paradise Parklands, 231 Nerang-
Beaudesert Rd, Nerang

Toowoomba Orchid Society

Spring Show 18-20 Sept
All days 8.30-3pm, both shows at St
Paul's Church Hall, 28 Phillip Str Toow-
oomba

Townsville Orchid Society

Spring Show 11-13 Sept
Fri/Sat 9-4pm, Sun 9-2pm
Contact club for more information

West Brisbane & TAPS Combined

12-13 Sept Sat 8.30-3pm, Sun 9-130
Mt Coot-Tha Auditorium, Brisbane
Botanical Gardens

SOUTH AUSTRALIA**Cymbidium Club of SA**

Spring Show 6-12 September
Westlake's Centre

Millicent Orchid Society

Spring Show 3-5 Oct 10am-4pm
St Alphonsus Hall, George St,
Millicent

Orchid Club of South Australia

Spring Show 19 Sept 10am - 4pm All
shows at Klemzig Community Hall, 232
North East Road, Klemzig

Riverland Orchid Society

Loxton A&H Show 4-5 October
Show Hall, Loxton Showgrounds, Book-
purnong Terrace, Loxton

South Coast Orchid Club of SA

Spring Show 26-27 Sept
Sat 9-4pm, Sun 10-4pm.
Marion Warradale Uniting Church Hall,
Township Rd, Marion

VICTORIA**Albury/Wodonga**

Spring Show Sat 10 - Sun 11 Oct
PCYC Hall, 236 Andrews Str, East Albury
NSW (behind Lauren Jackson Stadium)
Sat 9-4pm; Sun 9-3pm

Geelong Orchid and Indoor Plant Club

Spring Show Sat 19 - Sun 20 Sept
Christ Church Hall, 57 McKillop St, c/-
McKillop & Moorabool Street, Geelong
John Haniver 0414 672 665

Dandenong & District OC

Spring Show Sat 19 - Sun 20 Sept
Sat 9-4.30pm, Sun 9-4pm
Paddy O'Donoghue Centre, 18-34 Buck-
ley Street, Noble Park

Murray Valley Orchid Club Inc

Annual Spring Show
Sat 19 Sept 830-4pm
Sun 20 Sept 8-130pm
Lions Pavilion, Yarrawonga Show
Grounds, Dunlop Str, Yarrawonga

North Western Orchid Club (formerly Maribyrnong OC)
 Sarcophilus Show
 Sat 14 Nov - Sun 15 November
 Venue: Maribyrnong Community Centre,
 9 Randall Street,
 Maribyrnong
 Sat 9am - 4pm, Sun 9am - 3pm

Warringal Orchid Society
 Spring Show 3-4 Oct
 Sat 9-330pm Sun 930-330pm
 Both shows held at St Sava Community
 Hall, 212 Diamond Creek Rd, Greensbor-
 ough

TASMANIA

Burnie Orchid Society
 Spring Show 9-11 Oct
 Fri 2-5pm; Sat 9-430pm,
 Sun 9am-3pm
 Burnie Senior Citizens Centre, 6 Jones
 Str, Burnie

Davenport Orchid Society
 Spring Show 2-4 October
 Sarc & Masd Show Sat 28 Nov
 Events held at Spreyton/Quoiba Memo-
 rial Hall, Maidstone Park, Mersey Main Rd
 Spreyton

Launceston Orchid Club
 Sarcophilus & Masdevallia Show
 Sat 21 Nov Windsor Community Precinct

Tasmanian Orchid Society
 Spring Show
 24-27 Sept Hobart Town Hall
 Info - Glenys 0419 531 750

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Perth Orchid Fair (6 clubs)
 12 September 9am-4pm
 13 September 9am-3pm
 John Septimus Roe High School
 2 Boyare Ave, Mirrabooka
 Bruce Larson 0417 903 280

South Eastern Orchid Society Annual show, state championship and plant sale
 29 Aug 9-4pm, 30 Aug 9-3pm
 Cannington Agricultural Pavillion, Gates
 1+2, Coner Albany Hwy and Station Str,
 Cannington

Orchid Society of WA
 Orchid Potting Workshop
 October 11 (Sun) 10am-3pm
 Manning Senior Citizens Centre
 Late Flowering Orchid Display
 7 Nov. (9-4pm) - 8 Nov (9-3pm)
 Manning Senior Centre, 3 Downey Drive,
 Manning



Brisbane Orchid Society

Spring Show

Saturday, 21 November 2026
8am to 3pm

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Summer Orchid Festival

Dates

5-6 December, 2026
 10am - 4pm Saturday
 10am - 3pm Sunday

Admission

Adults: \$5 Children under 12: Free
 Free parking available.

Location

Georges Hall Community Centre
 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall

For more information

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 W: www.summerorchidfestival.com.au

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