



# COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

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## COFFS ORCHID NEWS – AUG 2013

### GENERAL MEETING & ORCHID COMPETITION

1<sup>st</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7.00 for 7.30 PM, UNLESS OTHERWISE ANNOUNCED, at NORTH COAST REGIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS, HARDACRE STREET, COFFS HARBOUR.

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Coffs Harbour Produce is at 26 June Street in Coffs. They carry a good range of fertilisers, insecticides and fungicides for orchids, as well as general garden needs. 6652 2599.

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### **1. CALENDAR**

- 1 Aug Ed Pearce – growing Coelogynes  
5 Sep Shergolds – Deflasking orchids  
14/15 Sep Spring Show  
3 Oct Dennis Sinclair  
7 Nov AGM and Lycastes  
5 Dec Awards and Christmas meeting

### **2. AUGUST MEETING**

The topic for our August meeting is Growing Coelogynes. Many members are now growing these orchids which can develop into large plants with a mass of flowers.

There will be some Coelogynes available as raffle plants.



**A large Coelogyne displayed a couple of years ago by the late Norm Mitchell.**

### **3. AGENDA**

Welcome, Apologies, Visitors.

Minutes of July meeting – as printed in newsletter

Business Arising

Committee Report – refer to report.

Inwards Correspondence

1. Woolgoolga OS – Show on 5<sup>th</sup> October
2. Grafton OS – Show 19/21 September

3. Notes – Orchid Virus Diseases
4. Alstonville OS – Show 3/7<sup>th</sup> September
5. Melbourne Orchid Spectacular – 24 Aug
6. Hervey Bay OS – Show 5/6<sup>th</sup> Oct
7. Bellinger valley OS – Show 17<sup>th</sup> Aug
8. Port Macquarie OS – Show 24/25<sup>th</sup> Aug
9. \* AOC re Annual General Meeting
10. \*OSNSW newsletter
11. \* Botanic Gardens - dates for 2014
12. \*Inquiry from Ipswich OS re possibility of visiting Spring Show in 2014.

Outwards Correspondence

1. Letter to Council re lights

Finance Report – no report this month

Sponsors Spot – Fitzroy Motors

Table talk

General business

1. Spring Show

Raffle, popular vote, guest speaker

### **4. MINUTES of JULY MEETING**

Ed welcomed the 36 people present. Good to some people returning after being away for various reasons.

Apologies: Elaine Bowers

Welcome to new members: Elaine Cunningham given her plant.

Minutes of last meeting: moved: John Seconded: Graham That minutes be approved.

Committee Report: printed in newsletter No questions

Correspondence: Moved: Sue Seconded: Jennifer That correspondence be received.

Financial Report: in newsletter. Moved: Betty Seconded: Sue That report be approved

Sponsors: BCU

Table Talk: done by Bruce and Gary.

General Business:

1. Plants on display. Don't worry about not knowing where to put them, just bring them along and someone will help and direct.
2. Show roster available and handed around. It will return next meeting.

## 5. BRIAN MOORE'S TALK.

Brian spoke about cooler growing conditions and his experiences growing orchids in Dorriggo. Brian is an excellent grower and he talked with us about his efforts to use coco chip instead of bark in his potting mix. He gave some recipes as follows:

### RECIPE FOR TREATING COCO CHIP POTTING MIX

- Break up and soak bale for 24 hours in fresh water.
- Drain and dry and then re-soak in new water with the following chemicals
- 100g magnesium sulphate
- 100g iron sulphate
- 100g caltrate
- When dry add 10% coarse perlite to the chip mixture
- Then add a small amount of fine zeolite mineral.

### ORGANIC FEEDERS

- Seasol concentrate
- Powerfeed concentrate as per instructions

### SPRAY FOR SCALE

- 1ml Rogor
- 4ml white oil
- 2ml chemspray

Add this to 1L of water. This is also effective on red spider. Make sure you cover up with gloves and a mask.

## 6. SHOW

Our Spring Show is fast approaching. We will be setting up our hall from 3 pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September and the Show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September.

It is also well worth a look at some of the native orchids in bloom in the gardens at this time, especially the Phaius, or swamp orchids. The Phaius australis is native to this area and the Botanic Gardens has a good display of these orchids.

We need help to organise and run the Show and a roster will be passed around at the next meeting, with a completed roster included as part of the September newsletter.

## 7. LIGHTING

Lighting in the car park has been a concern for some time. It can be very dark, and it is a safety problem. We have made a couple of phone calls, and we have written a letter to Council about this. We are hopeful that it will be fixed by our next meeting.

However it might be a good idea to bring a torch in case the repairs aren't completed by then.

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORT

At our committee meeting we discussed

- Arrangements for Spring Show
- Will not proceed with proposal for increased subs this year
- Lighting in the car park
- Dates for 2014



A flower of *Coelogyne mooreana*

Member Name

Class	Standard Cymbidium Hybrid Over 90 mm															Intermediate Cymbidium Hybrid 60-90 mm													Miniature Cymbidium Hybrid Under 60mm															Laelinae Exhibition Hybrid over 100mm															Laelinae Cluster Hybrid (min 5 flowers)															Laelinae Novelty Hybrid spotted flower non exhibition															Novelty Paph & allied Hybrids															Paph and Allied Species															Oncidiinae Hybrids under 25mm															Oncidiinae Hybrids between 25 to 65 mm															Oncidiinae Hybrids over 65mm															Tolumnia (equilant Oncidlums)															Phalaenopsis Hybrid over 60 mm															Australian Native Hybrid Inc Dendrobium															AOV Hybrid under 50mm															AOV Hybrid over 50mm															AOV species under 50mm															AOV species over 50mm															Australian Native terrestrial species																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																												
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