



# COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

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## COFFS ORCHID NEWS – MAY 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**

20 Apr Plant sale and auction at Kay Mitchell's  
21 Apr Workshop at Gordon's  
27, 28 Apr Autumn Show  
2 May Murray Shergold

### **2. MAY MEETING**

The guest speaker for our April meeting will be Murray Shergold. Murray will talk with us about growing Laelias.

Murray and Jean are valued supporters of our society. They are owners of Easy Orchids in Woodburn. If you're travelling to Brisbane take a few minutes to visit their premises – it's just off the highway in Sussex Street.

If you would like some plants or growing supplies from Easy Orchids check out their website. [www.easyorchids.com](http://www.easyorchids.com) phone number 6682 2635. They are happy to bring items with them, hence saving on postage.

### **3. AGENDA**

Welcome, Apologies, Visitors, New member.

Minutes of Apr meeting – as printed in newsletter

Business Arising

Committee Report – refer to report.

Inwards Correspondence

Outwards Correspondence

Finance Report – no report this month

Sponsors Spot – Easy Orchids

Table talk

General business

Raffle, popular vote.

Guest speaker

### **4. MINUTES of APRIL MEETING**

**APOLOGIES:** Pam & Grahame Baillie, Pat Wallace, Don Turner, Jennifer Lock, Anne Dew

**VISITOR:** Mal Cundy

**NEW MEMBERS:** Harold and Val Magor welcomed and given plant.

**MINUTES** of previous meeting as per newsletter: Moved Sue Seconded Barb

**BUSINESS ARISING** moved to General Business.

**COMMITTEE REPORT** as per Newsletter.

**CORRO:** Moved Betty, Seconded Bernie

**FINANCE:** as per Newsletter Moved: Carol, Seconded Clem. Term deposit to be recorded monthly.

**SPONSORS.** Please support our sponsors Ludo's Old Wares mentioned.



**Thanks to Clem Murray for the photos in this newsletter. This is one of the lovely Laelia Alliance orchids we had on display at the April meeting.**

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. April Show: last weekend 2 days passed by meeting Please enter anything you have. Set up Friday afternoon, judging Saturday morning Roster passed around. Please make yourself available.
2. Shirts modelled and agreed on.
3. Kay Mitchell's sale 20<sup>th</sup> April Sale 10am, auction 1pm.

**TABLE TALK:** Bruce. Very informative.

**POPULAR VOTE:** Peter Baker *Dendrobium*

**RAFFLE:** Ed, Di and Brian

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Steve Clemesha.

Steve spoke with us about how to display our plants to their best advantage. He suggested

- Remove dead growths and cut off black tips on leaves – these look more natural if cut at an angle
- Remove old black flower sheaths, but leave green ones
- Clean pots
- Remove old back bulbs from Cymbidiums
- Tie leaves away from flowers, but try to keep it looking natural
- Make sure plant is disease free, treat if necessary
- Stake up to flowers, but not above
- Judges look at flowers, not plants, but nice plants make a good impression
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## **5. COMMITTEE REPORT**

At our regular committee meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April we discussed arrangements for the upcoming orchid show. We are sorry that the Coffs Agricultural Show clashes with our show this year. The Ag Show is earlier than usual.

Murray Shergold will be speaker at next meeting.

## **6. AUTUMN SHOW.**

How are your orchids looking? What do you have in flower? What will you enter in the Show? Remember we need lots of flowers for our show so we can have a good display for the public. Steve Clemesha spoke with us about how we can best present our plants for the show. If you are unsure about how to enter your plants someone will help you to do it.

**Thanks to those who signed up for the roster. There is a roster as part of this newsletter.**

Remember too that we have broadened the range of orchid plants that we can sell at the sales table. We are not restricted just to flowering plants, but can also sell mature, well established plants. The sales table coordinator will be authorised to reject plants that don't meet this standard.



**A nice Miltassia (hybrid of Miltonia with Brassia)**

## **7. ORCHID SOCIETY SHIRTS**

At the last meeting the members agreed to a new shirt as the official CHOS shirt since the other shirt is no longer in stock. We have chosen a darker blue in a better quality material.

The cost of this shirt is \$25 - \$28. It can be purchased from the embroidery shop at the Northside Shopping Centre. It is suggested that you check to see if he has a shirt in your size and if he doesn't he will order one for you. We have asked him to hold orders until 9<sup>th</sup> May so he can do a bulk order and hence reduce the prices for us. Once he has our shirts he will do the embroidery for us.

## **8. AUCTION**

Kay Mitchell is having a sale and auction of many of her and Norm's prize plants before she leaves Bellingen and moves into town. This will happen on 20<sup>th</sup> April with sales starting at 10 am and the auction at 1 pm.

She has sorted and priced all the orchids in Norm Mitchell's collection and as a result they now have 24 orchids to be auctioned – including specimen size Coelogyne Unchained Melody and other Coelogyne, Bulbophyllum fimbriatas, Dendrochilum cobbianums and many other varieties.

**The auction is now planned to start at 1pm**

There are many other plants priced from \$10 to \$50 including a large range of kingianum, native Dendrobiums, Cattleyas, Lycastes and other species and hybrid plants.

**3 Tibouchina Close, Bellingen on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013 starting 10am with auction at 1pm.**

## **9 WORKSHOP**

The next workshop at Gordon Clarke's will be on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April starting at 10 am. All are welcome.

# COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY – SHOW ROSTER

## Show Marshall – Bruce Hall

Setting up from 4 pm Friday 26<sup>th</sup>. April. B Hall, B Southwell, D Blay, E Pearce

### SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> April

	9-11	11-1	1-3	3-5
Sales	B Pearce V&H Magor	P King P Wallace	B Pearce G Suter S Clemesha	B Pearce S Clemesha
Raffle	J Cowling B Mayled	C Davis C Axford	J Cowling C Davis	B Hall
Display	B Pittaway	G Suter E Pearce	B Pittaway	B Southwell E Pearce
Welcome	R Cowling	R Cowling	B Hall	R Cowling
Tea/coffee	S Williams C Davis	S Williams	S Williams	S Williams
“Reserve”	E Pearce	B Mayled	E Pearce	E Pearce

### SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> April

	9-11	11-1	1-3	
Sales	B Pearce	B Pittaway	B Pearce	
Raffle	J Cowling	D Blay P Wallace	E Bowers J Wong	
Display	E Pearce	E Pearce	E Pearce	
Welcome	R Cowling	R Cowling	R Cowling	
Tea/coffee	S Williams C Axford	S Williams C Axford	S Williams C Axford	
“Reserve”	J Cowling	B Mayled		

Packing up from 3.30 Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

B Southwell, B Hall, R Standing, D Blay, E Pearce