



# COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

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## COFFS ORCHID NEWS – SEP 2012

### 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

- 7, 8, 9 Sep      Spring Show  
13 Sep          Sep meeting – social meeting.  
11 Oct          Car maintenance for seniors

### 2. SEPTEMBER MEETING

Please note that we are holding the September meeting a week later than usual, i.e. on 13<sup>th</sup> September because we will be setting up for the show on the normal date.

This meeting will be a social meeting. Several members have said that they would like to have a meeting where we had more time to talk with each other. The plan is to have a brief business session and then have supper with an opportunity for people to talk with each other.

And a reminder for people to bring along some supper so this can be a successful evening.

### 3. COMMITTEE REPORT

At our August meeting we discussed

- Auction – we felt this had been a success and was worth doing again
- Show – matters are in hand. We will sell coffee/tea and bikkies. Roster in newsletter. Bruce and Ivy to be show marshal.
- Need to make some arrangements for September meeting since several of us will be away.
- AGM – have called for nominations. Ron Cowling to be returning officer.

### 4. AGM nominations

At the AGM in November there will be elections for

- President,
- Vice-president,
- Secretary,
- Treasurer
- Three committee members.

Are you interested in any of these positions? If you're not sure what's involved speak to Ed or one of the committee. Or you might like to nominate someone. There are nomination forms available at the meeting, and on our

website. Or is there someone you would like to nominate? Nominations must be handed to our returning officer Ron Cowling by 7 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> November.

### 5. AUGUST AUCTION

The response to our first auction has been positive. Members were able to get hold of some good plants at reasonable prices and the society raised some funds.



**The auctioneer selling a Coelogyne. Note that John is looking the other way while Glenys is looking carefully at the plant. Thanks to Bronwen for this photo.**

We sold 35 plants for a total of more than \$650 to 13 successful bidders.



**The plants that were auctioned.**

Thanks to Bruce, Don, Ron, Peter, Margaret, Betty and Ed for donating plants and thanks to everyone who bid.

Committee has talked about it and we feel that it is worth doing again. What do members think?

## 6. THE ORCHID HYPOTHESIS

Have you heard of the orchid hypothesis? It is a recent idea that is being used in child psychology. It says -

Most of us have genes that make us as hardy as dandelions: able to take root and survive almost anywhere. A few of us, however, are more like the orchid: fragile and fickle, but capable of blooming spectacularly if given greenhouse care. So holds a provocative new theory of genetics, which asserts that the very genes that give us the most trouble as a species, causing behaviours that are self-destructive and antisocial, also underlie humankind's phenomenal adaptability and evolutionary success. With a bad environment and poor parenting, orchid children can end up depressed, drug-addicted, or in jail—but with the right environment and good parenting, they can grow up to be society's most creative, successful, and happy people.

It's not really to do with orchids, but it's an interesting idea.

## 7. PROGRAM for REST of YEAR.

You might like to note the program for the rest of 2012 (Note that the October meeting is on the 11<sup>th</sup> because of school holidays.)

7, 8, 9 Sep	Spring Show
13 Sep	Social evening
11 Oct	Fitzroy Motors – Seniors and cars
1 Nov	AGM, Ed Pearce – Orchids for real beginners
4 Nov	Workshop at Gordon's
7 Dec	Christmas break up

## 8. SPRING SHOW

It is now just over a week to our Spring Show. We will be setting up on the evening of 6<sup>th</sup> September, and the Show will be open to the public from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> September.

How are your plants looking? What will you have in flower? If you are a new grower and haven't put plants in the show before there will be people ready to help.

Remember that plants for the sales table need to be mature and well-established if they are not in flower or bud. If you are not sure ask Don Turner about it.

Thanks to everyone who has put their name on the roster to help at the Show. The roster is included with this newsletter which shows your duty and the time that you are scheduled for. Note that there are a few vacancies and volunteers are still sought for this.

## 9. MONKEY ORCHIDS?

Those of us who were at the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner last year will remember David Banks' talk which included some pictures of some very unusual looking orchids.

I recently received an e-mail with similar interesting and unusual looking orchids.



Nature doesn't need an audience. These wonderful orchids come from the south-eastern Ecuadorian and Peruvian cloud forests from elevations of 1000 to 2000 meters and as such not many people throughout history got to see them. However, thanks to intrepid collectors we do get to see this wonderful Monkey Orchid. Someone didn't need much imagination to name it though, let's face it.



Its scientific name is *Dracula simia*, the last part nodding towards the fact that this remarkable orchid bears more than a passing resemblance to a monkey's face – although we won't go as far as to be species specific on this one. The *Dracula* (genus) part of its name refers to the strange characteristic of the two long spurs of the sepals, reminiscent of the fangs of a certain Transylvanian count of film and fiction fame.



The orchid was only named in 1978 by the botanist Luer but is in a family containing over 120 species mostly found in Ecuador. Up in the Cloud Mountains the monkey orchid can flower at any time – it is not season specific. Its scent resembles that of a ripe orange.



If you don't quite see why this orchid gets its name, then do one thing. Move back from the picture a bit and take another look. Close up the similarity is good; from a distance it is astounding.

## **10. AGENDA FOR SEP MEETING**

Welcome, Apologies, Visitors, New members.

Minutes of Aug meeting – as printed in newsletter

Business Arising

Committee Report – refer to newsletter.

Inwards Correspondence

1. Orchids Australia magazine
2. Maclean OS Show schedule – 27-29 Sept.
3. Woolgoolga OS schedule – 6 Oct.
4. Australian Orchid Council (AOC) – AGM
5. Woodburn OS schedule – 14-16 Sept.
6. Alstonville OS schedule – 29 Aug – 1 September
7. \*Ipswich OS show – 29-30<sup>th</sup> September
8. \*AOC Perth Show bulletin
9. \*OSNSW newsletter

Outwards Correspondence

1. AOC – change of address for our society.

Sponsor's spot

Finance Report – as printed in newsletter

Table talk



The examples seen here are all cultivated – though it remains very rare in 'captivity'. For that reason don't make a dash down to your local horticulturalist. Yet for those lucky enough to have one, if kept quite cool and in partial shade and it can thrive and flower. Like all orchids, however, it needs a lot of care and patience – so you may want to consider a cactus instead!

General business

nil

Raffle, popular vote.

**We will now close the meeting and have some time for supper and a chat.**



**Dendrobium orchid on the bench at our August meeting.  
Thanks to Clem for this photo**

## **11. MINUTES for AUGUST MEETING.**

Welcome to all members and visitors. (28 attending)

Apologies: Carol Axford, John Sidebottom, Tom Denison, Pat Wallace, Kay and Norm Mitchell, Pat King, Ken Green, Dulcie McBain, Dianne Blay, Bob Southwell, Bill Hicks.

Minutes of July Meeting: as per Newsletter

Moved: Sue

Seconded: Brenda

Business Arising: nil

Committee report: as per newsletter.

Correspondence in: nil

Correspondence out: nil.

Sponsor: Coffs Harbour Produce. Please support

Financial Report: in Newsletter

General Business:

1. Beginner's workshop at Gordon Clarke's at Woolgoolga this Sunday. Topic: preparing plants for spring. Details in newsletter
2. Spring Show: at the Botanic Gardens. Get ready. Roster passed round again. Final roster will be in next newsletter before the show. Posters available for advertising in cars.

3. Other Shows: Bellingen Show 18<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at the Uniting Church Hall. Nambucca Heads Show 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> September, in Nambucca.

4. AGM: Nomination forms available for the AGM in November. Don has the forms. Please feel free to nominate.

Table Talk: Conducted by Bruce.

Plant Auction: Conducted by Ed. Lots of plants donated. Thank you.

Raffle Winners: John, Noel and Glenys.

Popular Vote: Draw between Betty Pittaway and Ron Cowling.

Meeting Closed: 8:40

## COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY – SHOW ROSTER

### Show Marshall – Ivy Wheeler

#### FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPT

	9-11	11-1	1-3	3-5
Sales	Don, Eric	Don, Carole, Eric	Don, Peter K	Don, Peter K
Raffle	Glenys, Sue, Bron	Judy C, Bron	Bron, Brenda	Laurie, Jason?
Display	Brenda	Ed	Judy C	Judy C
Welcome	Ron	Ron	Ron	Ron
“Reserve”			Jason	

#### SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPT

	9-11	11-1	1-3	3-5
Sales	Don, Peter K	Don, Peter K	Don, Betty	Don
Raffle	Brenda	Barb, Carole	Barb, Pat	Barb, Bron
Display	Tom, Ed	Bruce		
Welcome	Ron	Ron	Ron	Ron
Tea/coffee	Sue, Carole	Ed	Sue, Judy C	Sue, Judy C
“Reserve”				

#### SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> SEPT

	9-11	11-1	1-3	
Sales	Don, Eric	Don, Eric	Don, Eric	
Raffle	Betty, Judy C	Brenda, Judy C	Pat, Jean	
Display	Carole	Betty, Bron	Peter K	
Welcome				
Tea/coffee	Sue, Barb	Sue, Barb	Sue, Barb	
“Reserve”				

Reminder that setting up is from 4pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>, and packing away is from 3.30 on Sunday. Assistance is needed for these times too.

**COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY (CHOS)**  
**TRADING STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF 28 June 2012 TO 22 August 2012**  
**DATE OF THIS STATEMENT 22/8/2012.**

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Cheque</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
00/2	\$ 78.00		24/7/2012 Refer Receipt Book
00/2	\$ 62.00		3/8/2012 Refer Receipt Book
00/3		930	\$ 75.00
00/5		931	\$ 100.00
00/5		927	\$ 55.00
00/7		928,29,33	\$ 79.70 Xerox print N/letter, stamps, envelopes.
02/2	\$ 3.57		Refer statement S20 Acc.
02/1	\$ 213.41		Refer Statement Term Dept.
05/1	\$ 662.00		Refer separate sheet
03/2		930	\$ 120.00 Autumn Show
04/2		932	\$ 60.00 Posters/Spring Show
04/2			\$ 150.00 S. Williams, tea, judges, float, S/Show.
	<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>		<b><u>\$ 1,018.98</u></b>
			<b><u>\$ 639.70</u></b>

**DEBIT/CREDIT FOR THE PERIOD** \$ 379.28

**Bank Reconciliation for the above trading period.**

Opening Bank Balance 28/6/2012	\$ 4,224.18
<b>ADD</b> Rec for above period	\$ 1,018.98
	S/T
	<u>\$ 5,243.16</u>
<b>DEDUCT</b> Exp for above period	<u>\$ 574.70</u>
Pre. u/presented cheques	
	S/T
	<u>\$ 574.70</u>
	chqs 723

**Balance of income and expenditure** **\$ 4,668.46** Refer BCU Statement.

**NOTES:**

The following cheques have not been presented  
 Chq. 929 for \$65.00 to C.Davies for stamps and envelopes.

Please Note: The following known accounts to be paid include:  
 2FM Membership \$11.00  
 Pepperprint show printing 154.00.  
 Stickerman Signs Spring Show \$175.00

HALL. B.G.  
 Hon. Treasurer  
 22/08/2012

