



# COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

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## COFFS ORCHID NEWS – DEC 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**

- 5 Dec Awards and Christmas meeting  
28 Jan Committee Meeting at Mangrove Jacks  
6 Feb First meeting for 2014

### **2. DECEMBER MEETING**

The December meeting will be our Christmas breakup and awards meeting. We will have a brief general meeting with the awards and then have a Christmas supper.

**Members are requested to bring a plate and some drink to share. Remember that we are not able to heat food. After the awards we will clear away the plants, put tables in the middle of the room, and enjoy a Christmas supper.**

**Members are also asked to bring a small gift - no more than \$10 - for the "Secret Santa."**



**Lycaste Kiama**

### **3. MONTHLY DISPLAY**

The monthly display is a chance to see what orchids are flowering, to ask about how they are grown, and perhaps learn about a variety of orchid that you haven't seen before.

Did you notice Carol Axford's beautiful Miltonia (Pansy Orchid) at our last meeting?

We encourage people to bring along some of their flowering plants to our meetings so that we can all share in the beauty of these plants and see what other people are growing.

If you have a plant that you would like identified, or one which you would like some advice about because it's not looking too healthy, you can bring it along and ask about it.

Could people who are bringing plants in please make sure these are benched by 7.15 so that we can do the Popular Vote. The Popular Vote is important because it encourages everyone to look carefully at the plants.

For the next 6 months we will be choosing two or three plants, if possible taking them to the front where everyone can see them, and talking about the features of these plants. The points for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will be published in the next newsletter.

At our December meeting we give prizes to the people who gain the most points in each category throughout the year.

### **4. MINUTES of 2013 AGM.**

Apologies: Dave and Gloria Small, Diane Blay, Jennifer Lock, Gary Suter.

Reports:

1. President's Report: Given by Ed Pearce. Printed in Newsletter. Gave a brief summary of the highlights of 2013. Moved John Seconded Sue
2. Treasurer's Report: As printed in the Newsletter. Healthy state of the finances. Moved Graham Seconded Carole.

Annual Subscriptions to remain the same. Seconded Steve,

Move to election of the office bearers. Ron Cowling returning Officer

President: Ed Pearce

Vice President: Steve Clemesha

Secretary: Bronwen Fox

Treasurer: Bruce Hall

Committee: Sue Williams, Carol Davis, Carole Axford.

Meeting closed 7:36

### **5. AGENDA for DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING**

Welcome, Apologies, Visitors.

Minutes of Nov meeting – as printed in newsletter

Business Arising

Committee Report – refer to report.

Inwards Correspondence

1. Thanks for sympathy card

Outwards Correspondence

Finance Report – no report.

Active Service Awards. – this is given to members who have been members for 10, 15, 20 or more years

Table talk?

Awards for Monthly competition. – based on points scored in the monthly display

General business – nil.

Raffle, popular vote.

Supper.



**Lycaste Macama Atline.**

## **6. MINUTES of NOVEMBER MEETING**

Apologies: Dave and Gloria Small, Diane Blay, Jennifer Lock, Gary Suter

Minutes of the last Meeting accepted. Cathy, Sue.

Corro: Inwards from G Smith

General Business

1. Beginners workshop at Gordon Clarkes on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 26 Pullen St Woolgoolga. Starting from the beginning of growing orchids
2. December Meeting is our Christmas Meeting. Bring something for supper and a present for the Secret Santa.

Popular Vote: Carole Axford for a beautiful Miltonia.

Raffle: Won by Jean, Tom, Carol.

Table Talk: Bruce picked out a couple of interesting orchids – Tolumnia (Equitant Oncidium) and Masdevallia –and spoke about these orchids.

Guest Speakers: Paul Sloan, helped by Barry Hall and Greg Elliott, spoke about Lycastes.

## **7. COMMITTEE REPORT**

The newly elected committee held its first meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November. We started by reminding ourselves of why we have an orchid society, i.e. to learn more about growing orchids in a friendly social atmosphere.

The main topic discussed was to monthly display, judging and table talk. We agreed to try a new approach where the table talk will highlight just 2 or 3 of the plants on display. The points will be in the following newsletter.

We also need a few more people to help set up the room before the meeting and to pack up afterwards. Please see Ron Cowling if you can help. We will also buy a torch and/or lantern so that if the light doesn't work we have a backup.

Our next meeting will be in January when we will be planning the program for the year.

## **8. TALK on BREEDING and GROWING LYCASTES**

Paul Sloan gave us a very entertaining and informative talk about growing and breeding Lycastes. Some of the points he made were -

- 75% shade cloth
- south side like the position
- yellow flowered plants - later and smaller
- Angulocaste- plenty of later flowers and giving us bigger and broader flowers.
- Lycasteria another cross.
- Species skinneri the best plants with flowers up to 150mm.
- Hybrids.
- Imported flasks from Japan. From Flask to flower 2 ½ years.
- Some grow in sphagnum.
- Variations in flowering: Differences appear in the same plant at different times of the year. Main flush in spring. React to variations in temperature.
- People are doing a lot of crossing.
- Big bulky plant that takes up a lot of space.
- Plant in the top of the pot
- SA Bark medium 1/3, 1/3 small bark and with 1/3 coir
- Strip off side leaves and expose bulb to as much light as possible.
- Cannot be allowed to dry out. Must be moist all the time.

- Fertilizer: nutria feed and a flowering booster. Weekly
- Diseases: Normal stuff. Anything you like.



**Lycaste Alwine Miller "Aquarius" x (Gyra x Bega)**

## 9. ORCHID PHOTOGRAPHY

We've been approached by Robert Trezise, who is interested in photographing orchids.

Any work he produces is free of charge for the first shoot and if any member wishes to have large prints for their collection or private use he can supply large files for them to have printed or I can arrange this for them.

He can be contacted me through

email [berttrezise@gmail.com](mailto:berttrezise@gmail.com) or

Phone 0457957685.

## 10. GROWING LYCASTES

These notes are written by Alan Hope from Victoria and are available on the Orchid Societies Council of Victoria. Our speaker at the November meeting spoke about trying to create more hybrids to overcome the shortage mentioned in this article.

These cool-growing orchids are found mainly in temperate regions of Mexico and South America and are well suited to our climate. Many grow in mountainous areas and are tolerant of low temperatures, thus growing and flowering under similar conditions to those enjoyed by many cymbidiums. Some species are semi-deciduous, dropping their leaves prior to the onset of new growth and flowering in spring. This behaviour is their response to a distinct cool, dry season in their natural habitat, a period corresponding to the winter season. A reduction in watering during winter is essential to simulate the Lycastes natural growth cycle.

Those Lycaste species from warmer, less mountainous regions grow more or less continuously throughout the year and flowering occurs mainly in late summer or autumn. These Lycastes need additional protection and some warmth during winter, being cool (rather than cold) growers.

**Lycaste Species.** There are about forty Lycaste species, of which a number are hardy and fairly readily available. *Lycaste aromatica* is a strong grower with nice yellow flowers and a sweet perfume; it flowers in mid to late summer. *Lycaste deppei* also flowers at this time and produces larger green-brown flowers, also with a slight perfume. *Lycaste cruenta* loses its leaves over winter and produces its lovely yellow green flowers in spring. *Lycaste skinneri* (previously *L. virginialis*) has flowers that are usually light to dark pink, although there are also glistening white forms. It flowers in winter or spring on mature growths and has been used extensively in hybridising. *Lycaste macrophylla* is another species well worth growing for its attractive coppery brown flowers.



**Lycaste deppei, one of the species.**

**Lycaste Hybrids.** The range of hybrids isn't extensive and many are hard to acquire. However, a number of named varieties are among the most beautiful of all orchids, so keep a lookout for them on the sales bench and in nursery catalogues. *Lycaste Koolena* and its offspring *L. Macama* include some excellent varieties, including *L. Macama 'Aline'*, a blush pink, and *L. Macama 'Atlantis'*, a shapely white. These hybrids are excellent growers and produce flowers of good shape. *Lycaste Shoalhaven* (*L. Koolena* x *L. skinneri*) also produces fine hybrids. Other hybrids of note are *L. Karina*, *L. Cooma*, *L. Kiama* and *L. Wyld Court*.

**Cultural Requirements.** Lycastes grow satisfactorily in a shade house but protection from rain and cold winds is important. While they enjoy good light and air movement, their large leaves are prone to sunburn and they should receive the protection of 70% shade cloth in summer, although the extent of shading should be reduced in winter. Most hybrids seem tolerant of large temperature differentials and strong light, although they produce their best flowers during the cooler part of spring. The tendency for their sepals to furl is most apparent in warm or hot weather.

Lycastes need to be kept well watered in summer and generally drier in winter. They appreciate high humidity during the growing period and appreciate overhead watering at this time. Some growers don't like to wet the leaves but I find little harm is done if there is good air movement and the wet leaves are not exposed to direct sunlight.



### **Lycaste Raku hoku**

Aquasol®, Thrive® and other liquid fertilisers, applied at half the manufacturer's recommended strength, soon produce super-sized leaves and bulbs. Leaf size is one of the drawbacks to growing Lycastes, as mature plants take up a lot of bench space. I grow my plants on low shelves close to the shade cloth walls, where they receive good air movement yet do not overshadow other plants.

Potting is an important aspect for success with Lycastes. They are more sensitive to the frequency and time of potting than are cymbidiums and need to have new, active growths at potting time, otherwise the root system may languish. Lycastes should be repotted regularly, as they soon show signs of decline in sour compost. I have found that a deep pot is preferred, possibly because it keeps the roots cooler during summer. They also require a free-draining mix with regular fertilising. A small amount of Osmocote® or Dynamic Lifter® may be added to the mix, and a layer of polystyrene chunks in the bottom of the pot improves overall drainage.

Overall, Lycastes are rewarding orchids and are suitable for novices as well as experienced growers. Try to acquire a range of species as well as hybrids to add interest and to extend the flowering period.

October Meeting

Member Name	Laelinae Exhibition Hybrid over 100mm	Laelinae Intermediate Hybrid 60 to 100mm	Oncidinae Hybrids under 25mm	Oncidinae Hybrids between 25 to 65 mm	Oncidinae Hybrids over 65mm	Tolumnia (equitant Oncidium)	Oncidinae & Allied Species	Vandaceous Hybrid under 60mm	Phalaenopsis Hybrid Under 60 mm	Phalaenopsis Hybrid over 60 mm	Dendrobium Hardcane Hybrid Non Native	Dendrobium AOV Hybrid Non Native	A.O.V Species Non Native	AOV Hybrid under 50mm	AOV Hybrid over 50mm	AOV species under 50mm	AOV species over 50mm	Novice (first year of membership)	
Class	4	5	13	14	15	16	17	18	20	21	23	24	25	30	31	32	33	36	
<b>AXFORD</b>				3															3
<b>BAKER</b>						6					5						5		16
<b>CLEMESHA</b>																1			1
<b>COWLING</b>									3						3				6
<b>DAVIS</b>		3											2						5
<b>DENISON</b>			2																2
<b>HALL</b>							2	3								2			7
<b>MOORE</b>														6	3				9
<b>E PEARCE</b>				3	3							3	3		2				14
<b>RONOLO-KING</b>							4												4
<b>SIDEBOTTOM</b>					2				2	6						2			12
<b>STANDING</b>																		3	3
<b>WILLIAMS</b>	3																		3
<b>WONG</b>			4																4
	3	3	6	6	5	6	6	3	5	6	5	3	5	6	8	5	5	3	

Results	1st	2nd	3rd	Class Total
Most points	E Pearce 143 Points	P Baker 125 Points	J Sidebottom 90 Points	891
Class 1	J SideBottom 14 Points	Ed Pearce 3 Points	David/Gloria Small 2 Points	19
Class 2	J SideBottom 8 Points	B Moore 4 Points	Ed Pearce 3 Points	20
Class 3	P & P King 4 Points	J & G Smith 3 Points	H Boorer & S Williams 2 Points	12
Class 4	C Davis 8 Points	R Cowling & B Pittaway 6 Points	S R King 5 Points	43
Class 5	R Cowling 13 Points	Ed Pearce 11 Points	C Davis 8 Points	34
Class 6	C Davis, B Hall, B Pearce, Hunt/Harrison, I. Wheeler 3 Points	J Saviero 2 Points	-	19
Class 7	R Cowling 11 Points	Ed Pearce 4 Points	B Hall, J Sidebottom, S Williams 3 Points	28
Class 8	B Pearce 6 Points	D Blay, C Davis, B Newman, E Pearce, S Williams 3 Points	R Cowling, B Hall 2 Points	28
Class 9	J Sidebottom 8 Points	Ed Pearce 6 Points	R Cowling 5 Points	30
Class 10	Bruce Hall 3 Points	-	-	3
Class 11	Bill Bright 9 Points	B Hall 5 Points	S Williams 3 Points	17
Class 12	S Williams 4 Points	B Bright, P & P King, I Wheeler 3 Points	J Wong 1 Point	14
Class 13	J Sidebottom 11 Points	B Hall 8 Points	J Wong 7 Points	44
Class 14	Ed Pearce 17 Points	J Sidebottom 12 Points	G Clarke, R Cowling 3 Points	42
Class 15	Ed Pearce 11 Points	B Bright 6 Points	S Clemesha, T Denison, P King, 3 Points	30
Class 16	P Baker 15 Points	C Murray, S R King 3 Points	B Hall 2 Points	23
Class 17	J Sidebottom 5 Points	S R King 4 Points	C Davis, B Pittaway 3 Points	17
Class 18	B Hall, B Newman 6 Points	N & K Mitchell, Ed Pearce, B Pittaway 3 Points	-	21
Class 19	R Cowling, N & K Mitchell, S Williams 3 Points	-	-	9
Class 20	P Baker 9 Points	J Sidebottom 8 Points	C Murray, S R King 3 Points	28
Class 21	P Baker 14 Points	J Sidebottom 6 Points	B Moore, B Pearce, Ed Pearce, S R King 3pts	34
Class 22	P & P King 7 Points	G Clarke, S R King, 3 Points	Ed Pearce 2 Points	15
Class 23	P Baker 10 Points	G Baillie 5 Points	B Bright 4 Points	35
Class 24	P Baker 8 Points	R Cowling, Ed Pearce, S Williams 3 Points	-	17
Class 25	P Baker 13 Points	Ed Pearce 3 Points	C Davis 2 Points	19
Class 26	P Baker 18 Points	Ed Pearce 13 Points	G Baillie 5 Points	45
Class 27	P Baker 8 Points	G Baillie, Ed Pearce 5 Points	B Bright, P King 3 Points	27
Class 28	P King 6 Points	S Clemesha 3 Points	-	9
Class 29	P Baker 6 Points	Ed Pearce 3 Points	-	9
Class 30	B Moore 6 Points	Ed Pearce 5 Points	B Pearce, J Sidebottom, S Williams 3 Points	29
Class 31	Ed Pearce 21 Points	B Moore, B Pittaway 6 Points	R Cowling, B Mayled 3 Points	46
Class 32	P Baker, B Pittaway 8 Points	R Cowling 7 Points	Ed Pearce, S Williams 5 Points	57
Class 33	P Baker 10 Points	Ed Pearce 9 Points	S Clemesha, P King, 3 Points	30
Class 34	B Hall 3 Points	-	-	3
Class 35	B Bright 16 Points	P Baker 3 Points	-	19
Class 36	R Standing 9 Points	E Cunningham 3 Points	C. Axford, J Lock 2 Points	17
Class 37				0
Class 38				0

**COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY (CHOS)**

**TRADING STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF 28 October 2013 to 26 November 2013**

**DATE OF THIS STATEMENT 26/11/2013.**

	Receipt	<u>INCOME</u>	Cheque	<u>EXPEND</u>	
00/2	Raffle	\$75.00			Monthly Meet,Nov.
00/6	Statutory			\$42.00	Fair Trading.
00/7	Newsletter			\$16.00	Xerox, Oct. issue.
00/8	Exec. Expenditure			\$100.00	Christmas function (S.Williams)
01/1	Gen. Sales	\$6.00			Soc. Merd. Badges (R.Cowling)
02/1	Bank Interest	\$32.77			T/Deposit
06/1	S/ship	\$100.00			E/Orchids (Hall.B.G.)
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>\$213.77</u></b>		<b><u>\$158.00</u></b>	
	<b>DEBIT/CREDIT TOTAL FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>\$55.77</b>			

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

Opening Bank Balance 28/10/2013	<u>\$6,716.14</u>	
Rec for above period	\$213.77	
S/T	<u>\$6,929.91</u>	
<b>DEDUCT</b> Exp for above period	<u>\$116.00</u>	
Pre. u/presented cheques	\$133.90	Chq. 638, 637
S/T	<u>\$249.90</u>	
	\$6,680.01	
<b>Balance of income and expenditure</b>	<b><u>\$6,680.01</u></b>	Refer BCU Statement @ 26/11/2013.

The following chqs have not been presented:  
641/\$42.00 Steve, Fair Trading

The following Accts to be paid: Nil @ this date.

The following monies are outstanding.  
\$6.00 from sale of plants (K. Mitchell).

**NOTES:**

CHOS has a sum of \$10,000.00 invested as a FTD with all interest earned rolled into the daily account and is shown in the appropriate trading statements.

HALL. B.G.  
Hon. Treasurer  
26/11/2013.