



COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

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COFFS ORCHID NEWS – NOV 2014

GENERAL MEETING & ORCHID COMPETITION

1st 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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1. CALENDAR

- 6 Nov AGM, Growing Soft cane Dendrobiums
4 Dec Christmas meeting and awards
5 Feb First meeting for 2015

2. OCTOBER MEETING

Our November meeting will be our AGM. For those new to the society we try to keep the AGM brief.



The orchids shown in this newsletter are from a collection of orchids that "look like something else".
This is *Orchis italic*.

3. AGENDA for ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WELCOME to members and visitors

MINUTES of 2013 AGM – as printed in this newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – as printed in this newsletter

FINANCIAL REPORT – distributed at meeting

1. Moved that annual subscription remain the same in 2015 as for this year, i.e. \$10, and \$15 for couples.

ELECTION of OFFICE BEARERS – Returning Officer Ron Cowling takes the chair.

President
Vice Presidents
Secretary
Treasurer
Committee – 3 members.

Meeting close

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



Psychotria elata

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been my pleasure to have had another year as your president. The year has been successful with meetings, shows, workshops, a home visit and a visit from another Orchid Society.

I have been very pleased with the success of our orchid shows. We were blessed with good weather for our shows and we've had lots of plants for our displays thanks to the efforts of our members and members of neighbouring orchid societies. Of course the success of the shows is due to the efforts of a lot of people who contribute plants for the show and the sales table, and who help out setting up and on the various duties that we need. Thanks to our show marshals – Gary and Bill for the April Show and Carole and Bob for the Spring Show.



Orphrys bombyliflora

Gordon and Brian have again run a series of practical workshops for growers. They have shown people how to grow and been happy to answer questions and offer suggestions for your plants. This year we had a home visit to see how one of our growers grows his orchids.

Our regular monthly meetings covered a variety of topics. Unfortunately several of the guest speakers we had organised had to cancel due to health issues and I would like to thank those who stepped in, often at short notice, to talk at our meetings.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our society throughout the year. It takes a lot of help to organise for meetings, etc. And I would particularly like to commend the members of the committee for their contributions and their work.

It has been encouraging to see new members coming along to our meetings – we are fortunate to be growing in numbers.

Thanks again to all members for supporting our society.

6. AGENDA for NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Welcome, Apologies, Visitors, New members.

Minutes of Oct meeting – as printed in newsletter

Business Arising

Inwards Correspondence

Outwards Correspondence

Sponsor's spot – Coffs Harbour Produce



Anguloa uniflora

General business

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Raffle, popular vote

7. MINUTES of OCTOBER MEETING

Apologies: J Locke, J Sidebottom

Visitors: Rose, Jan, Barbara, Sue, Tom, John

Minutes of Previous Meeting: as per Newsletter. Moved: Sue 2nd: Bob

Committee Meeting: Discussed the Show and thanks to all who participated brought plants for the display.

Correspondence: BCU Statement and Botanic Gardens

Finances: Report in Newsletter. Moved: Bruce 2nd: Bron. Profit \$900 from Show.

Table Talk:



Impatiens psittacina

General Business:

- AGM November Ron has nomination forms please consider standing for the positions
- Plants have been taken to Art Show. Ed and Bruce have been taking care of the plants and rotating them.

Meeting closed: 8:20

Raffle: Winners: Anne, Silesa, Barbara

Popular Vote: Indian Dendrobium



Figure 1 Inflorescence of *D. densiflorum*

Indian Dendrobiums are flowering now and make a lovely display with bunches of blooms.

- Ron spoke about a Cattleya and the mix he uses. He also talked about coconut fibre and its benefits. Grown under 70% shade and little fertilizer. Thanks Ron.
- Indian Dendrobiums. Bruce talked about them. Grow in deciduous forests on trees. They can be potted or mounted. They like more light than some other orchids. They are seasonal and don't water them as much in winter. They need a dry season, but need lots in summer. Many varieties and colour variation. Can grow into very large plants. Many hybrids. Diseases as per usual but mainly dendrobium beetle. Have to break the cycle of this bug. Make sure that you sterilize all equipment when working, potting etc. Spectacular orchid. When new shoots come then up water and fertilizer. Need to be changing fertilising regime to higher N. Oncidiums need more water - try to repeat where they come from as a general rule for all orchids. Thanks Bruce