



COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

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COFFS ORCHID NEWS – FEB 2015

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

5 Feb First meeting for 2015 – Ray Clements
5 Mar Mar meeting
2 Apr Apr meeting
24, 25, 26 Apr Show (set up on 24th)

2. FEBRUARY MEETING

Our guest speaker for the February meeting will be Ray Clements from Tinonee Orchids. Ray is an excellent speaker and a good friend to our society. Since we have several new members Ray will talk about some of the basics of orchid growing such as growing conditions, potting mix, pots, pests and diseases, watering and fertilising

Ray is the owner of Tinonee Orchids and will bring some plants and some supplies to sell at the meeting. If you look at his website and there is anything that you want him to bring give him a call or order from his website and he will bring it with him.

The website is www.tinoneeorchids.com and the phone number is 6553 1012.



A Laelia purpurata that I divided a year ago and all three divisions flowered nicely.

3. AGENDA for FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Welcome, Apologies, Visitors, New members

Minutes of Dec meeting – as printed in newsletter

Committee Report – refer to newsletter

Inwards Correspondence

1. BCU Statements
2. Gardens tax invoices
3. Orchids Australia magazine

Outwards Correspondence

Finance Report –

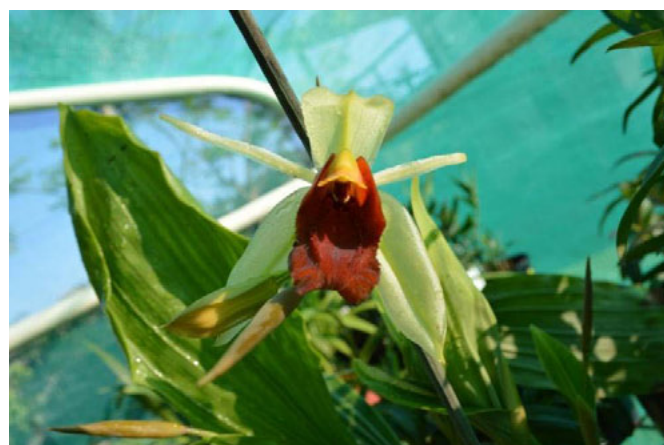
Table talk.

General business

1. Future of our Christmas meeting?
2. Judging our monthly display

Raffle, popular vote.

Supper.



Coelogyne Lyme Bay which has been flowering for 2 months. As one flower dies it puts out another one.

4. MINUTES of DECEMBER MEETING

Ed welcomed everyone to the Christmas awards meeting.

Apologies from Sue Williams, Marg Chapman and Helen Seiver

We welcomed new members Barbara Forsyth, Jan Farr, Rose McKay and Dick Cooper.

Minutes of Nov meeting – Mvd Jason, Scd Betty that minutes as printed in newsletter be approved

Business Arising - nil

Committee Report – refer to report in newsletter.

Inwards Correspondence

1. BCU Statements
2. Geebung – Botanic Gardens newsletter
3. 2AIR-FM Newsletter

Outwards Correspondence - nil

Active Service Awards. – this is given to members who have been members for 10, 15, 20 or more years. Sometimes our records are incorrect – please let me know if you think there is a mistake.

10 YEARS	Brian Newman
15 YEARS	Ron and Judy Cowling
35 YEARS	Gordon Clarke

Ed spoke about Gordon's contribution to the society over a long period of time. The only member with longer active membership is Steve Clemesha, and the next after Gordon is Peter Baker.

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

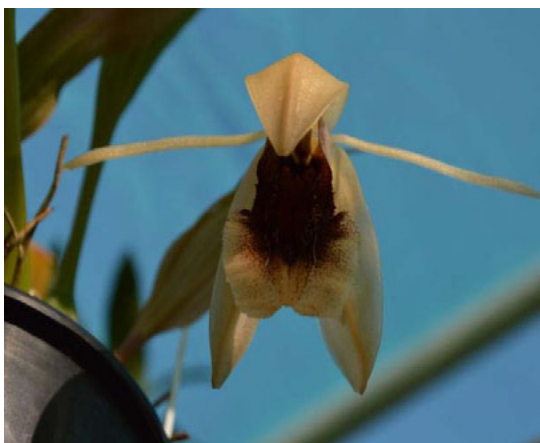
The Glad Fleming Trophy for the person who won the most points overall in 2014 went to Peter Baker. This is a much deserved award to Peter who is one of our best growers and who has been second in this award several times.

General business – some books available for sale to members.

Raffle winners were Jason, Laurie and Gloria.

Popular vote was won by Carole Davis.

We then enjoyed a special Christmas supper. Thanks to everyone who helped and/or contributed some food



Coelogyne Amber

5. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

Please note that the annual memberships are due at the February meeting. The fees are the same as for 2014, i.e. \$10 for a single membership and \$15 for a couple (New members who paid towards the end of last year don't need to pay for 2015). Please pay Bruce Hall as soon as possible.

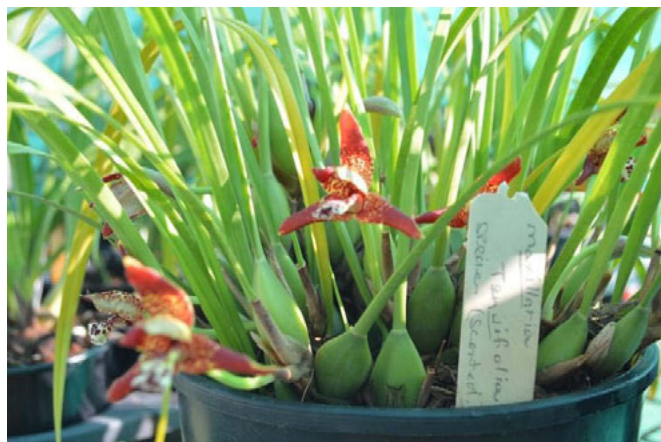
6. PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Greetings, and Happy New Year to everyone. I hope it is year filled with happiness, good health and good orchid growing for all of you.

Did you make any New Year's resolutions? I normally don't do this but I did make a resolution for 2015 – **TO GROW MY ORCHIDS BETTER.**

I really started this last September when I was re-potting my orchids and I could see that quite a few of my orchids were not looking healthy.

I looked carefully at my potting mix and decided to add some more perlite to improve drainage so I could water more often. I re-potted, or potted on to a larger pot, or divided, all my plants.



Maxillaria tenuifolia

I also gave some thought to where I could grow the various types of orchid – my green shade house, my covered orchid house or along my fence under some frangipani trees. I've moved some Zygopetalums and some Oncidiinae under cover so hopefully I can better control the spots that I get on the leaves.

I also found that I had some mealy bug outbreaks, some scale and Dendrobium beetle. I am trying to be preventative by spraying every month or so to stop this happening again.

I also had some fungus problems so I'm spraying regularly with Stop Rot to prevent root rot, and with Mancozeb - hopefully to reduce the spotting and other fungal problems on leaves.

Something else I'm trying to do is to make sure my plants are well spaced to allow for good air movement.

And fertiliser? I am using a slow release fertiliser at about half strength in the pots, and I'm fertilising with Campbell's Yellow or something similar every few weeks.

Now I have to be patient to see how my orchids grow this year. I realise that it may take a couple of years to overcome some of the problems I've had, but I'm happy to wait.

And over December and January I've been fortunate to have several orchids flower for my enjoyment. There have been several Coelogyne, a couple of Brassias, a couple of Zygopetalums, a couple of Laeliinae, a few Miltassias and a Neobenthamia. The photos in this newsletter are these orchids



Coelogyne Kirribilli Joyce which I got from Kevin Dawes in Canberra. I am trying to breed with this but not having much luck, perhaps because the plant is too small.

7. APRIL SHOW.

It is not too early to be thinking about our Autumn Show and the end of April. What plants might you have in flower? What do you need to do to them to present them at their best? We encourage everyone to enter the plants they have in flower so that we can put on a good display for the public.

We will be seeking volunteers for the roster at our meeting. It takes a lot of work to put on a successful show, but if people are prepared to help then it is easier on everyone.



A large plant of Brassia verrucosa. I've now divided this plant since it was getting too big.

8. 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.

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.

At our December meeting we give prizes to the people who gain the most points in each category throughout the year, and we give the Glad Fleming Trophy to the person who wins the most points overall.

We will talk about judging at our next meeting.



Neobenthamia. This plant was given to me by our previous president, Don Turner, who died in 2014.



And walking through our lovely Botanic gardens last week I noticed that some Swamp Orchids – Phaius – were still in flower. Notice that some of the flowers have started to form seed pods.

December

Member Name	Intermediate Cymbidium Hybrid 60-90 mm	Miniature Cymbidium Hybrid Under 60mm	Laeliinae Intermediate Hybrid 60 to 100mm	Laeliinae Miniature Hybrid under 60mm	Laeliinae Species	Novelty Paph & allied Hybrids	Oncidiinae Hybrids under 25mm	Tolumnia (equitant Oncidiums)	Vandaceous Hybrid under 60mm	Phalaenopsis Hybrid Under 60 mm
Class	2	3	5	6	9	11	13	16	18	20
B HALL								2	3	
BAKER				3				3		
BLAY						3				
DAVIS							3			
E PEARCE					3					
SIDEBOTTOM	3	3	3	2						3
No Name										3

Member Name	Phalaenopsis Hybrid over 60 mm	Dendrobium Nobile (softcane) Hybrid	Dendrobium Hardcane Hybrid Non Native	A.O.V Species Non Native	Australian Native Hybrid inc Dendrobium	Australian Native monopodial Hybrid	Australian Native monopodial species	AOV species under 50mm	AOV species over 50mm	Australian Native terrestrial species	Novice (first year of membership)
Class	21	22	23	25	26	28	29	32	33	35	36
B HALL							2		2		
B NEWMAN									3		
BAKER					3	3	3	3		3	
BLAY		3									
DAVIS				3							
DENISON									3		
E PEARCE					2				2		
J MIDAVAINÉ											3
SIDEBOTTOM	3										
No Name	3										

COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY (CHOS)

TRADING STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF 26 November 2014 to 18 January 2015

DATE OF THIS STATEMENT 18/1/2015.

	Receipt	<u>INCOME</u>	Cheque	<u>EXPEND</u>
00/2	Raffle	\$110.00		Monthly Meet,Dec.
<u>00/1</u>	Memberships	\$125.00		No.3F,8S.
<u>00/4</u>	Prizes/awards		\$220.00	Point score
<u>00/4</u>	Prizes/awards		\$9.00	Xerox, Lam. Services
00/7	Newsletter		\$40.00	Xerox, Dec. issue.
02/1	Bank Interest	\$147.20		T/Deposit
02/02	Bank Interest	\$1.76		Bank interest other
	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>\$383.96</u>		<u>\$269.00</u>
DEBIT/CREDIT TOTAL FOR THE PERIOD		\$114.96		

Bank Reconciliation for the above trading period.

Opening Bank Balance 27/11/2014	<u>\$6,872.38</u>	
Rec for above period	\$383.96	
S/T	<u>\$7,256.34</u>	
DEDUCT Exp for above period	<u>\$260.00</u>	
Pre. u/presented cheques	\$237.00	Chq326,327,325
S/T	<u>\$497.00</u>	
	\$6,759.34	

Balance of income and expenditure **\$6,759.34** Refer BCU Statement @ 16/01/2015.

The following chqs have not been presented:

\$9.00 Xerox

The following Accts to be pai Hall hire, \$70.00.

The following monies on hand to be banked, \$50.00 Memberships.

NOTES:

CHOS has a sum of \$10,000.00 invested as a FTD.

HALL. B.G.
Hon. Treasurer