



# COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

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## COFFS ORCHID NEWS – MAY 2015

### 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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### **1. CALENDAR**

7 May	Steve Clemesha – growing orchids on trees
16/17 May	Coffs Harbour Show
4 June	Meeting

### **2. MAY MEETING TOPIC**

Steve Clemesha will be talking about how to grow orchids on trees. Quite a few of our members are trying to do this, so Steve will make some suggestions about how to do it and answer questions that people may have.

### **3. AGENDA for MAY GENERAL MEETING**

Judges – Dick Cooper, Rose MacKay

Welcome, Apologies, Visitors, New members

Minutes of April meeting – as printed in newsletter

Inwards Correspondence

1. PO Box renewal
2. Orchids Australia magazine
3. Aranbeem Orchids (Bris) Open Day – 2 May
4. Maclean OS Show - 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> May
5. BCU statement and chequebook
6. Friends of Gardens invoice
7. Grafton OS Show – 7<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> May
8. Woodburn OS Show – 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> May
9. Xerox Invoice
10. Port Macquarie OS Show – 8<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> May
11. Australian Orchid Foundation.

Outwards Correspondence

- 1.

Finance Report – printed in newsletter

Sponsors Spot - Coffs Harbour Produce in June Street.

Table talk.

General business

1. Bus trip to Tinonee – any interest?
2. Autumn Show
3. Coffs Harbour Show

Raffle, popular vote.

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

Apologies: Carol and Bernie Axford, John Sidebottom, G. & P. Baillie, Judith Whiting, Tom Dennison, Bronwen Fox, V & H Magor.

New Member: James Minson welcomed to the Society by Ed Pearce

Minutes of Previous Meeting: As per Newsletter. Moved by Steve Clemesha. Seconded by Gary Suter.

Committee Meeting:

Tuesday next - Planning for Show - April 25 and 26.

Correspondence: nil

Finance Report: Provided by Bruce as listed in Newsletter. Bruce advised - few monies in next week and outgoings on prizes. Small outstanding account outlined in Newsletter. Moved by Sue Williams, Seconded by Betty Pittaway.

Sponsor Spot: Ludo of Ludo's Old Wares has paid this year. He is closing his business for awhile and wants to be known for his Sponsorship.

Ed stated, please consider our Sponsors when you need to make purchases.



**Bill and Jenny Lennon's Grand Champion Bulbophyllum at the Autumn Show**

## General Business:

1. Bob Southwell and Carole Davis judged the plants.
2. April 25 and 26 are the dates for our Autumn Show. Setting up commences around 1.00pm. There are a few gaps in the roster. People needed on the Raffle Table and Sales Table as well as roaming supervisors to assist with questions. If you don't know, just direct them to somebody who might know. Ed will email the roster but those who are not on the emailing list should check the times they are on duty.

Important matter for the show – Please bring along plants – “that’s an order”. Important for the public, extra good display of plants. Friday 24 benching between 3.00 and 6.00pm – Saturday 25 between 7.00am and 7.30am. Plenty of help required with placement of plants, etc.

Members belonging to any Registered Orchid Club can bring along plants. Gary stated with the exception of novice.



**One of the many lovely “Catts” in our show this year.**

3. Coffs Harbour Agricultural Show May 16 and 17. We take part in the Show. Make a point of going along this year as it is well worth while. We nearly always have a stand at the Show - please bring along your plants. We also need supervisors, please enter your name on the roster. We have a General Meeting before the Show. If you are interested in helping you get free entry into the Show.

Popular Vote: Won by David Small’s Little Susie “Joy” Ed presented David with a Certificate remarking it was a very attractive flower. Former president Sandy Anderson of Banana Coast Orchids specialised in Soft Cane Dendrobiums and has a beautiful plant of this.

Raffle: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Di Blay; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Jean Wong 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Ed Pearce

## **5. GROWING COELOGYNES**

Ed Pearce spoke on Coelogyne orchids. Things have developed since his father hybridised and registered his Coelogyne Edward Pearce (mooreana x fragrans. Ed had two Coelogyne plants on display. Explaining they grow quite well in Coffs Harbour but not as well as Norm Mitchell who grew big specimens. Coelogyne tomentosa is a big plant with lots of flowers. He received his first one from Ken Green and it grows very quickly. Displaying is difficult with their arching flower spikes so he purchased the stand on show from K-Mart for \$7.

Coelogyne orchids are found in South East Asia and the Pacific Islands (warmer growing orchids found at sea level) and the Himalayas (cooler growing orchids found in the mountains).

Mooreana, a cooler growing orchid grows well at Bellingen and Dorrigo and places like Melbourne, but does OK in Coffs Harbour

Ed followed up with information about Coelogyne cristata, a cooler growing orchid with its orange and yellow lip with white flowers, which also does OK in Coffs. Gary Suter has 3 different varieties. His Coelogyne speciosa, a commonly grown orchid, has flowered continuously for the last 2 years.

Norm Mitchell who passed away 3 years ago, often won awards with his huge Coelogyne fimbriata at our show.



**Coelogyne pandurata showing the green leaves with a black lip**

Ed also spoke about Coelogyne pandurata which he tried to grow when he started growing orchids in Victoria. Ed’s father Ron stated it was too cold in Victoria to grow Pandurata, and he was right. Larry Thornton got a plant for Ed – green flower, black throat – when he came to Coffs Harbour. There is a lot of controversy over this particular orchid with people saying the plants labelled pandurata in Australia are really a hybrid Coelogyne Burfordiense.

Steve Clemesha remarked someone gave him a green fragrans but it is brown. There are quite a few different

species of *Coelogyne*. They display lots of flowers which are in bloom for quite a long time.

Ed spoke about growing this particular type of orchid, watering and fertilising at pretty much the same as other orchids, although it's better not to repot them too often. Positioning can be difficult. Potting mix consists of coco fibre, perlite and bark. Barb asked where she can purchase the potting mix, to which Ed replied Tinonee Orchids or Easy Orchids. The coco fibre comes in a block. Big W used to sell it. Ed uses an old wheel barrow with holes in it and washes through dolomite. Some people swear by it while others swear at it, he said. Di Blay says it stays too wet and cold in winter.

*Coelogyne* orchids are relatively easy, productive and rewarding to grow and are not subject to insect pests.

There are very few hybrids compared with other orchids – with only around 60 being produced. Mooreana and speciosa are used a lot in hybridising. Ed explained his father Ron's frustration on crossing a plant (Linda Buckley - mooreana x cristata) which took 7 years to flower and when it came to registering the cross someone beat him by 6 weeks.

One of the best sites on the Web for information is Kevin Dawes of Canberra who is involved in hybridising, naming his plants Kirribilli which is known world-wide. The site is [coelogyne.com](http://coelogyne.com)

However, be very cautious when googling information about orchids as you must know what region in the world the information is derived from.

The Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

## 6. AUTUMN SHOW.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make our show such a success. Congratulations to Carole Davis and Bob Southwell for their work as show marshals to organise the show and the plant display.

And a special thank you to all those people who brought along plants so that we could put on such an attractive display. We had 145 plants displayed – 10 more than for the Autumn Show last year. There were many lots of favourable comments from the many visitors we had over the two days of the show.

And congratulations to

- Grand Champions Bill and Jenny Lennon
- Reserve Champion Bruce Hall

## 7. BUS TRIP?

Tinonee Orchids (near Taree) is having an open weekend on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July. The society is considering organising a bus trip for members to take part.

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a number of guest speakers talking about orchid growing and answering questions. There will also be a free BBQ lunch and people will also have the chance to look through the nursery and buy some plants. We could hire a bus – we are getting quotes – or we could car pool.

Are you interested? We will talk about this at our May meeting, but if you will not be at the meeting, but would be interested in coming on the bus trip please let us know.



**We had a big display of beautiful hardcane Dendrobiums this year.**

## 8. NEWSLETTERS?

With the increasing cost of postage we are trying to keep costs down by only posting newsletters where necessary. If you have an e-mail address we would prefer to e-mail you the monthly newsletter. This saves us on postage and printing costs, and you get to see the photos in colour. Please let us know if you want your newsletter e-mailed.

## 9. DATES for 2015

Please note the dates for our meetings in 2015. Meetings are usually the first Thursday of the month, except during school holidays when we meet the first Thursday after the holidays.

7 May	Steve Clemesha – growing on trees
4 June	
16 July	
6 August	Murray Shergold
3 September	
11/12/12 Sept	Fri/Sat/Sun, Spring Show,

8 October Max McKay – growing slipper orchids  
 5 November AGM/General Meeting  
 3 December Awards Meeting,

1<sup>st</sup> B Pittaway  
 5. Under 50 mm  
 1<sup>st</sup> J Minson  
 2<sup>nd</sup> J Sidebottom

**10. APRIL SHOW RESULTS.**

**Grand Champion B&J Lennon**  
**Reserve Champion B Hall**  
**Champion Specimen B&J Lennon**

**Champion Phalaenopsis J Minson**

**Section D – Vandaceous**

1. Over 60 mm  
 1<sup>st</sup> B&J Lennon  
 2<sup>nd</sup> B&J Lennon

**Champion Vandaceous B & J Lennon**

**Section E – Paphiopedilum**

1. Standard  
 1<sup>st</sup> M McKay  
 2<sup>nd</sup> M. McKay  
 2. Maudiae type  
 1<sup>st</sup> M McKay  
 3. Phragmipedium  
 1<sup>st</sup> M McKay

**Champion Paphiopedilum M McKay**



**A slipper orchid at the show. Max McKay will be talking with us about how to grow these orchids at our October meeting.**

**Section A – Cymbidium**

No entry

**Section B – Laeliinae**

1. 100mm and over  
 1<sup>st</sup> R&B Cooper  
 2<sup>nd</sup> B&J Lennon  
 2. 60 mm to 100mm  
 1<sup>st</sup> B&J Lennon  
 2<sup>nd</sup> S Ronolo-King  
 3. Under 60 mm  
 1<sup>st</sup> B&J Lennon  
 2<sup>nd</sup> B&J Lennon  
 4. Cluster hybrid  
 1<sup>st</sup> B&J Lennon  
 2<sup>nd</sup> D Ballard  
 5. Novelty  
 1<sup>st</sup> R&J Cowling  
 2<sup>nd</sup> B Pearce

**Champion Laeliinae B&J Lennon**



**Another lovely orchid in the Laeliinae section.**

**Section C – Phalaenopsis**

4. 50-75 mm

**Section F – Dendrobium (not native)**

1. Hard cane over 50 mm  
 1<sup>st</sup> R&B Cooper  
 2<sup>nd</sup> B Newman  
 2. Hard cane under 50 mm  
 1<sup>st</sup> B Newman  
 2<sup>nd</sup> B Hall  
 3. Spatulata  
 1<sup>st</sup> R&B Cooper

- 2<sup>nd</sup> R&B Cooper
- 4. Any other Dendrobium
  - 1<sup>st</sup> D Blay
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> E Pearce

- 1<sup>st</sup> S Williams
- 2<sup>nd</sup> D Blay

**Champion AOV S Williams**

**Champion Dendrobium R&B Cooper**

**Section G – Oncidiinae alliance**

- 1. Hybrid under 25 mm
  - 1<sup>st</sup> B&J Lennon
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> B&J Lennon
- 2. Hybrid 25 – 65 mm
  - 1<sup>st</sup> B&J Lennon
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> B&J Lennon
- 3. Hybrid over 65 mm
  - 1<sup>st</sup> B Moore
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> S Ronolo-King
- 4. Tolumnia
  - 1<sup>st</sup> P Baker
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Champion Oncidium Alliance B&J Lennon**

**Section H – Australian Native Hybrid**

- 1. Dendrobium
  - 1<sup>st</sup> B Moore
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> P Baker

**Champion Australian Native B Moore**



**Brian Moore's section champion Dendrobium Jonathon's Glory.**

**Section I – AOV hybrid**

- 1. Any Other Variety Hybrid under 50 mm
  - 1<sup>st</sup> R Donnelly
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> P Baker
- 2. Any other variety hybrid over 50 mm
  - 1<sup>st</sup> B Moore
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> E Pearce
- 3. Bulbophyllum

**Section J – Species**

- 2. Laeliinae
  - 1<sup>st</sup> D Ballard
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> B Hall
- 3. Phalaenopsis
  - 1<sup>st</sup> B Pittaway
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> B Hall
- 4. Vandaceous
  - 1st M McKay
- 5. Paphiopedilum
  - 1<sup>st</sup> M McKay
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> M McKay
- 6. Dendrobium not native
- 7. Oncidium Alliance
  - 1<sup>st</sup> B Hall
- 8. Australian native – not Dendrobium
- 9. Australian native Dendrobium
- 10. Any other variety – not Australian native
  - 1<sup>st</sup> B&J Lennon
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> C Davis

**Champion Species B Hall**

**Section K – First Flowered Seedling**

- 1<sup>st</sup> B Hall

**Section L – Novice**

- 1<sup>st</sup> J Lock
- 2<sup>nd</sup> J Minson

**Champion Novice J Lock**

**10. AGRICULTURAL SHOW**

The Coffs Harbour Show will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May at the Showgrounds. We are setting up our display between 1 and 2 o'clock. Carole Davis will be organising our display – we need people to provide some plants so we can put on a nice display. There also a few vacancies on the supervision roster.

Member Name	Miniature Cymbidium Hybrid Under 60mm	Laeliinae Exhibition Hybrid over 100mm	Laeliinae Intermediate Hybrid 60 to 100mm	Laeliinae Cluster Hybrid (min 5 flowers)	Paph and Allied Species	Oncidiinae Hybrids between 25 to 65 mm	Vandaceous Hybrid over 60mm
<b>Class</b>	3	4	5	7	12	14	19
<b>BLAY</b>					3		
<b>CLEMESHA</b>						3	
<b>D COOPER</b>	3	3	5				
<b>B HALL</b>							
<b>B PEARCE</b>				2			
<b>E PEARCE</b>		2					
<b>S-R-KING</b>							3
<b>SMALL</b>				3		3	

Member Name	Dendrobium Hardcane Hybrid Non Native	Dendrobium AOV Hybrid Non Native	Australian Native Hybrid inc Dendrobium	Australian Native species inc Dendrobium	AOV Hybrid under 50mm	AOV Hybrid over 50mm	AOV species under 50mm	AOV species over 50mm
<b>Class</b>	23	24	26	27	30	31	32	33
<b>BAKER</b>	3						3	
<b>BLAY</b>		3			2			
<b>CLEMESHA</b>								
<b>D COOPER</b>	2		2	5		3		
<b>B HALL</b>			3		3			
<b>E PEARCE</b>		2				2		5

**COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY (CHOS)**

**TRADING STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF 29 March 2015 to 29 April 2015.**

**DATE OF THIS STATEMENT 29/4/2015.**

	Receipt	<u>INCOME</u>	Cheque	<u>EXPEND</u>	
00/1	M/Ships	\$ 10.00			Refer Receipt Book
00/2	Raffle	\$ 75.00			Monthly Meet, April.
00/6	Insurance		341	\$341.00	OSNSW/Ed Pearce Remb.
00/8	PO Box.		345	\$177.00	Ed Pearce. Remb.
00/8	Trophy/awards		350P	\$35.00	Gregs Trophies
01/1	Sales	\$ 3.00			Badges/R Cowling
06/1	S/ship	\$ 100.00			Coffs Produce
00/3	Hall Hire		349	\$35.00	March
00/7	Newsletter		347	\$40.00	April N/Letter
00/8	Exc. Spend		348	\$50.00	Petty Cash
03/2	Autumn show	\$ 4,038.55			Sales/Raffle/Donations
03/2	Autumn show		343	\$1,230.00	Prizes/Floats/Judges.
03/2	Autumn show		340&342	\$75.01	Supplies Fox/S.Mesh Southwell
03/2	Autumn show		344	\$35.90	Food/S. Williams
03/2	Autumn show		350 P.	\$120.00	Greg Trophies
	<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,226.55</u></b>		<b><u>\$2,138.91</u></b>	

**DEBIT/CREDIT TOTAL FOR THE PERIOD** \$2,087.64

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

Opening Bank Balance 23/2/2015	<u>\$6,924.94</u>	
Rec for above period	\$4,226.55	
	<u>\$11,151.49</u>	S/T
<b>DEDUCT</b> Exp for above period	<u>\$1,847.71</u>	
Pre. u/presented cheques	\$95.00	Chq. 336,337
	<u>\$1,942.71</u>	S/T
	\$9,208.78	
<b>Balance of income and expenditure</b>	<b><u>\$9,208.78</u></b>	Refer BCU Statement @ 29/04/2015.

The following chqs have not been presented: 339,340,344,349, 350, a total of \$301.42.

**NOTE: THE COST OF PLANT SUPPLIES IS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS STATEMENT, A FULL COSTING FOR THE AUTUMN SHOW WILL BE SUBMITTED LATER.**

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  
29/4/2015.