



COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

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COFFS ORCHID NEWS – FEB 2016

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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Thanks to the Xerox Shop for printing this newsletter

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1. CALENDAR

4 February	Ray Clements – orchids in Thailand
3 March	Dick Cooper – staking, etc
7 April	TBA
30 Apr/1 May	Autumn Show

2. FEBRUARY MEETING

Our guest speaker will be Ray Clements from Tinonee Orchids near Taree. Ray is a good friend to our society and has agreed to become a sponsor now that Murray at easy Orchids is retiring and selling his business.

Ray will be talking about slipper orchids growing in Thailand based on his visit last year. He will also talk a little about growing slipper orchids. This talk follows on nicely from Max McKay's talk on slipper orchids – Paphiopedilums – from last year.

Anyone who wants some orchids, or orchid growing supplies can order them and Ray will bring them with him saving on postage.

Tinonee website is <http://www.tinoneeorchids.com> and the phone number is 6553 1012

3. AGENDA for FEBRUARY MEETING

Judges Steve Clemesha. Tom Denison

Welcome, Apologies, Visitors.

Minutes of Dec meeting – as printed in newsletter

Business Arising

Inwards Correspondence

1. BCU Statements x4
2. Invoice for hall use
3. Orchids Australia magazine

Outwards Correspondence

Finance Report – in newsletter.

Table talk?

General business

Raffle, popular vote.



Stanhopeas have been flowering recently. These are unusual orchids in that they flower from the sides and bottom of the pot and so need to be in hanging baskets. The flowers only last for a few days, but have a lovely fragrance. This is a photo of Stanhopea negroviolacea. Note the flowers on the left of the plant which haven't opened yet.

4. MINUTES of DECEMBER MEETING

Apologies: P Wallace, P & P King, J Lock, M Chapman, G Suter, C. Davis

Minutes of Previous Meeting: as per Newsletter.

Finances: as per Newsletter.

Awards: Active Service: Bruce Hall. 10 years.

Monthly competition awards given to members.

G Fleming Perpetual Trophy: P Baker

Table Talk: Beautiful display.

Raffle: B Pron x2 J Cowling

Popular Vote: Bruce, Tom, Bob.

Meeting closed: 6:25

Delicious Dinner followed.



Stanhopea wardii

5. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE

Please note that the annual memberships are due at the February meeting. The fees are the same as for 2015, 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 2016). Please pay Bruce Hall as soon as possible.

6. OFFICE HOLDERS FOR 2016

President: E. Pearce

Vice President: S Clemesha/C Davis

Secretary: B Fox

Treasurer: B Hall

Committee: B Southwell, C Davis, S Williams, B Pearce

7. DATES for 2016

Our meeting and show dates for 2016 have been provided by the Botanic Gardens. Committee will need to discuss these.

4 Feb Ray Clements
3 Mar Dick Cooper
7 Apr
29, 30 Apr, 1 May. Show

5 May
2 Jun
14 Jul
4 Aug
1 Sep
9, 10, 11 Sep Show
13 Oct
3 Nov
1 Dec

8. JUDGING ROSTER for 2016 MEETINGS.

FEB	4th	Steve Clemesha, Tom Denison
MARCH	3 rd	Gary Suter, Pat King
APRIL	7 th	Peter King, Rose McKay
MAY	5th	Bob Southwell, Brenda Mayled
JUNE	2 nd	Dick Cooper, Silesa King
JULY	14 th	Betty Pittaway, Barbara Forsyth
AUGUST	4 th	Bill Bright, Pam Warburton
SEPT	1 st	PETER BAKER, PAT WALLACE
OCT	13 th	John Sidebottom, Jennifer Lock
NOV	3 rd	Barbara Pearce, Helen Seiver

DEC, RESERVES. Carole Davis, Bob Southwell

PLANTS TO BE BENCHED BY 7.15 PM. JUDGING TO COMMENCE AT 7.20PM



Stanhopea oculata

9. BELGIAN ORCHIDS IN WORLD WAR 1

This is an article from the North East Melbourne Orchid Society, editor Brian Milligan giving some insights into the history of orchid growing.)

Although the foundations of orchid growing in the western world were largely laid by British growers, those in Belgium were not far behind. The Belgians Jean Linden, Theodore Pauwels and Charles Vuylsteke were very prominent growers, the first two being nurserymen and the last a well-known amateur breeder of odontoglossum hybrids. And of course, Frederick Sander's nursery at Bruges (Belgium) was much larger than his original premises at Saint Albans near London.



Stanhopea grandiflora.

Most Belgian nurseries suffered much worse during the German occupation of Belgium in World War 1 than any of those in England. The full story of the fate of the Belgian nurseries wasn't revealed until the war ended, when the editor of the Orchid Review surveyed the damage in the Jan/Feb 1919 issue. Tragically, the nursery of M. Theodore Pauwels at Ghent was totally destroyed by gunfire only a few hours before the armistice was signed! M. Pauwels reported: "Notwithstanding all the difficulties in procuring fuel, compost and insecticide, the plants had been kept in good condition for over four years. There were more than 60,000 seedlings that had nearly reached the flowering stage, and I had expected to have many fine things to show after the war."

Unfortunately, Pauwels' nursery was located within 500 m of a large German ammunition dump, an artillery park and an aerodrome for Zeppelins (airships) and aeroplanes. Artillery exchanges between German and Allied forces resulted in several direct hits on the greenhouses. Pauwels' main greenhouse, comprised of over 3000 square metres of glass, was totally destroyed. Some plants may have been saved but for a succession of severe frosts, which froze all the exposed plants over the next few days.

Cymbidium Pauwelsii (*C. insigne* x *C. lowianum*), a hybrid bred by Pauwels in 1911.



Stanhopea maculosa.

M. Charles Vuylsteke, well known as a breeder of many hybrids of what was known for a hundred years as the odontoglossum alliance, also lost many of his orchids in freezing weather. However, he was able to save most of his odontoglossums and odontiodas, which are less sensitive to cold than many other orchids. "We have had very great difficulty and expense in keeping the plants alive, and in spite of all our trouble we have lost several thousand plants, because we had not fuel enough. Owing to the coal shortage we have burned nearly 200 large trees, and some of the houses have been warmed with electricity."

Vuylsteke was subsequently honoured by having the inter-generic hybrid between *Odontoglossum*, *Cochlioda* and *Miltonia* named after him (*Vuylstekeara*). Unfortunately, thanks to the recent efforts of modern-day taxonomists in abolishing the genus *Odontoglossum*, the genus *Vuylstekeara*, like

Charles Vuylsteke himself, has ceased to exist – it is now known as Oncidiopsis!

Oncidiopsis Cambria 'Plush' Sander's nursery at Ghent survived somewhat better than Vuylsteke's nursery did, thanks to a Swedish manager (Sweden remained neutral during the war), although he was obliged to house a German cavalry regiment in some of the greenhouses! There was such a shortage of heating fuel that many of the cattleya seedlings died but the odontoglossums and paphiopedilums survived in better condition.



Stanhopea tigrina

To add insult to injury, the German invaders banned use of the French language in Belgium, and insisted that all labels of trees and plants in the Brussels Botanic Gardens should be removed, because they were written in French as well as in Latin!



Another Stanhopea tigrina

COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY (CHOS)**TRADING STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF 2 November 2015 to 22 January 2016.****DATE OF THIS STATEMENT 23/1/2016.**

Receipt		<u>INCOME</u>	Cheque	<u>EXPEND</u>	
00/2	Raffle	\$162.00	59,66,67	\$210.00	Monthly Meet,Nov,Dec. Purchase Plants.
00/1	Memberships	\$15.00			
00/3	Hall Hire		61	\$140.00	Bot. Gardens
00/4	Prizes/awards		63	\$240.00	Point score
00/7	Newsletter		59,66,67	\$115.00	Xerox, Nov, Dec. issue.,Stamps.
00/8	Executive	\$90.00	64,65	\$402.00	Christmas Function
00/8	Executive		60	\$18.00	Prnt AGM.
02/1	Bank Interest	\$125.02			T/Deposit
02/02	Bank Interest	\$1.68			Bank interest other
06/1	Sponsorship	\$100.00			Easy Orchids
<u>TOTALS</u>		<u>\$493.70</u>		<u>\$1,125.00</u>	

DEBIT/CREDIT TOTAL FOR THE PERIOD -\$631.30

Bank Reconciliation for the above trading period.

Opening Bank Balance 2/11/2015.	<u>\$6,435.08</u>
Rec for above period	\$493.70
S/T	<u>\$6,928.78</u>

DEDUCT Exp for above period	<u>\$1,125.00</u>
Pre. u/presented cheques	\$0.00
S/T	<u>\$1,125.00</u>
	\$5,803.78

Balance of income and expenditure **\$5,803.78** Refer BCU Statement @ 23/01/2016.

The following chqs have not been presented:
Nil.

The following Accts to be pai Nil at this stage.

NOTES:

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

HALL. B.G.
Hon. Treasurer
23/01/2016.