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COFFS ORCHID NEWS – APR 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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1. CALENDAR

7 April	Doug Binns – Orchids in Brazil
22/24 April	Coffs Harbour Show
30 Apr/1 May	Autumn Show
5 May	General Meeting

2. APRIL MEETING

Our guest speaker will be Doug Binns. For many of us we think of orchids as plants growing in pots under trees or in a shade house. But of course in nature orchids grow on trees, or in the ground, in jungles or the bush.

Doug will be talking about some of the orchids that he saw growing in Brazil on a trip there. Most of these orchids are in the Laeliinae family.

3. AGENDA for APRIL MEETING

Judges - Peter King, Rose McKay

Welcome, Apologies, Visitors.

Minutes of March meeting – as printed in newsletter

Business Arising

Committee Meeting – newsletter

Inwards Correspondence

1. Australia Post – PO Box renewal
2. Alstonville O.S. – Show schedule
3. Lismore O.S. – Show schedule

4. D.U.N.O and Elernore Orchids – Relaunch
5. Nambucca Valley O.S. – Show 5/7 May
6. Aranbeem Orchids – Open Day/Sale

Outwards Correspondence

- 1.

Finance Report – to be circulated

Sponsor's Spot. Mangrove Jacks

Growing Competition

General business

1. Growing competition
2. Agricultural Show
3. April Show

Raffle, popular vote.



This is a Vuylstekeara Fall in Love, another Oncidiinae orchid in the same “family” as our growing competition plant

4. MINUTES of MARCH MEETING

Apologies: G Suter, Pat King, D. Blay, B Hall.

Visitors: Christina, Ruth, Trevor, Dianne.

New Member: Pam Warburton

Minutes of Previous Meeting: as per Newsletter.

Moved: Ron 2nd: Steve

Correspondence: IN:

- Letter from Ray Clements,
- Castle Hill Orchid Fair,
- Tinonee Catalogue,
- Orchid Australia Mag.

OUT:

- Letter and email of thanks to Ray.

Finances: Report in Newsletter. Moved: Bob 2nd: Sue

Table Talk: Dick spoke about some of the great orchids on display.

General Business:

1. Plant Growing Competition: Ed explained the idea. Details coming Lots of interest.
2. April Show: Display needs more plants. Just enter your plants. Please volunteer for the roster. See Ron Cowling.
3. Ag Show: Putting on a display. Carole organizing.
4. Earth Hour Dinner in the Park. Park Beach reserve 19th March 6-9.

Popular Vote: K Cowling

Raffle: Helen, Gloria and Dianne.

Auction:

Guest Speaker: Dick Cooper



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Miltassia

5. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE

Please note that the annual memberships are due. 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. COMMITTEE

At our committee meeting on 8th March the main discussion was about our April Show and the new growing competition. There are further details in this newsletter and there will be ore sais at the next meeting.

7. GROWING COMPETITION

The committee has decided that we will run a plant growing competition for the next twelve months (April,2016 to April,2017) using a plant called Brassidium Tigerlily 'Tinonee'. (This is a cross between Brassia verrucosa and Oncidium sarcodes)

These will be in 80mm pots and priced at \$10 (\$15 retail price).



Brassidium Tigerlily "Tinonee"

Plants will be allocated at the monthly meeting on Thursday, 7th April.

If you would like to be part of this competition then please bring your money (\$10) and pay Bruce Hall before the start of the April meeting. We will have a draw during the meeting to allocate the plants.

The competition will function as follows:

- Members are asked to bring their competition plant to each monthly meeting for judging. Please leave in the tray near the entry door.
- Judges will be Ron Cowling plus the two rostered judges for that meeting.
- Points Score at each meeting

- 1 point for each plant brought to the meeting
- 2 extra points for the plant judged the best
- 1 extra point for the plant judged as second
- Results will be kept and collated by Ron Cowling and Dianne Blay.
- Each plant will be allocated a numbered tag (no names). If you repot the plant please make sure you include the numbered tag.
- Pick up your plant after the meeting.
- Prizes will be awarded at the end of the competition for:
 - Grower with most points
 - Plant which flowers first.



Oncidium Tiger Brew

8. SOME GROWING TIPS for BRASSIDIUM

The following is a basic growing guide for the plant *Brassidium Tigerlily 'Tinonee'*.

Repotting:

These plants were repotted into the 80mm pots just before Christmas, 2015.

They may not require repotting until later in the year (Spring) depending on their rate of growth.

When you repot them please transfer the name tag and the blue numbered tag into the new pot.

They need a well-drained mix. Good quality bark (smaller grade) would be ideal for this purpose.

Some perlite and small-sized stones (or scoria, gravel, etc) could be added to the mix. The potting

mix the plants are in contains coconut chips which will hold water. You could add fresh coconut chips to your new mix if you wish but too much may mean the mix will not dry out between each watering.

You may already have a fool-proof Oncidium/Brassia mix which you have found successful. Please continue to use that mix and perhaps pass on your success story to the rest of us.

Watering:

Water regularly but allow the pot to partly dry out between each watering. Don't let the plant stand in water. The plants need frequent watering when in active growth (twice a week).

The plants will require less water during the cooler months.

Air Movement:

Good air movement is important for proper growth. Don't put plants too close together.

Light:

Reasonably high light levels are needed (due to its Brassia parentage).

Dark green foliage indicates not enough light. Reddish or yellow/pale green foliage indicates too much light.

Humidity:

Mid to high humidity levels (50 to 70%) needed especially when temperature is high.

You can increase humidity by damping down the greenhouse floor, turning on the misters/foggers

or sit the plant over a tray of moist gravel (not in the water). You only have to use the misters for 3 to 5 minutes to increase the humidity by 40 - 50% and reduces the temperature by around 5 degrees.

Fertilising:

Best to use a complete fertiliser that promotes plant growth. This could be applied dry (slow release) or in a liquid form. Using a weak strength liquid fertiliser every week or two would be ideal.

Most of you will already have a fertiliser program and will not need to make any changes.

If you are not certain which fertiliser to use, then one suggestion would be to mix up Focus Orchid Grow (higher nitrogen level) at 2mls per litre of water. Others are Campbells (Blue is the higher nitrogen version), Manutec Orchid Food, etc.

Pests and Diseases:

Keep an eye out for any problems and take the appropriate control/preventative method.

Good Growing!

9. DICK COOPER'S TALK

Judging and Staking orchids

- Involved in judging since 1981
- OSNSW decided to add a new region for judging called Mid North Coast.
- Observed over the years that lots more varieties, colours etc of everything.
- All this has led to many and constant changes in the rule of judging.
- Many people manipulate their flowers by "ironing" the petals.
- For the last few years increasingly people are staking above the level the rules say is acceptable.
- Important because judges are looking for superior quality plants. Excessive manipulation and grooming should not be rewarded.
- Showed examples of correct and incorrect staking.
- No part of the flower is to be supported at all.
- No clips above the first branch.
- Clips are allowed but wire is preferable.
- Clips or ties should be unobtrusive.
- Judges are able to remove stakes and ties.
- Key criteria for judges are: Flower shape, Colour and texture, stem habit and arrangement.
- The whole plant should be in show condition free of disease and pests etc.
- If the flowers fall off during transportation don't throw them away put them with the plant in the front of the pot.
- Make sure you remove all the evidence of manipulation before entering the show.

Thanks Dick for all that valuable information



Aliceara Ann DeBooth

10. APRIL SHOW

How are your orchids going? What plants might you have in flower for our April Show? 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.

Ron Cowling is our roster organiser, and the roster is included with this newsletter.

11. 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 - staking
7 Apr	Doug Binns
22/24 Apr	Coffs Harbour Ag Show
29, 30 Apr, 1 May.	Orchid Show
5 May	
2 Jun	
9 or 10 Jul	Bus trip to Tinonee Open Day
14 Jul	
4 Aug	Dennis Sinclair - Sarcochilus
1 Sep	

9, 10, 11 Sept	Orchid Show
13 Oct	Bill Lennon – Hard cane Dens
3 Nov	
1 Dec	Christmas Dinner

Castle Hill International Orchid Fair – 15th and 16th April
at Harvey Lowe Pavilion at Castle Hill Showground
(Sydney).

Tinonee Orchids – Open day and Workshop. 768
Tinonee Road, Tinonee. 4th and 5th July

12. JUDGING ROSTER for 2016 MEETINGS.

MARCH	3 rd	Gary Suter, Pat King
APRIL	7 th	Peter King, Rose McKay
MAY	5 th	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**



Oncostele Midnight Miracles



Aliceara Stellar

13. ORCHID FAIRS

Have you ever been to an orchid fair, or a show, where there are lots of orchid sellers with lots and plants and orchid growing supplies for sale? You might be interested in visiting one of these, even though they involve a bit of travel. There several of these throughout the year – here are just a few.

C.H.O.S AUTUMN SHOW ROSTER 2016				
Friday 29th April Set up Di Blay, Carole Davis,, Bronwen Fox, Tom Dennison, Bruce Hall, Bob Southwell, Ed Pearce, John Sidebottom, Bernie Axford (+ trailer thanks Bernie)				
Sale plants out 6.30 am Sat 30th April John Sidebottom, Peter Baker				
Show Marshall: Carole Davis Bob Southwell Floor assistants: Di Blay Ed Pearce Runners: Judges Associates Plant Register: Bronwen Fox Judges food Sue Williams				
Saturday 30th April				
	Raffle 2 per session	Sales 2 per session	Display	Reserves Phone # pls
9-11	Judy Cowling Gloria Small	Barbara Pearce Val Magor	Gary Suter Steve Clemesha	66512913 Ron Cowling
11-1	Sue Williams Rose McKay	Barbara Pearce(1Hr) Val Magor (1 Hr) Di Blay	Bob Southwell Ed Pearce	Pam Ballie Kathy Cowling
1-3	Brenda Mayled Jean Wong	Barbara Pearce Val Magor	Carole Davis Tom Dennison	
3-5	Silesa King Laurie Olsen	Barbara Pearce Val Magor	Betty Pittaway Bob Southwell	
Sunday 1st May				
9-11	Pam Warburton Judy Cowling	Barbara Pearce Val Magor	Di Blay Bob Southwell	Betty Pittaway
11-1	Pat Wallace Sue Williams	Barbara Pearce Val Magor	Ed Pearce John Sidebottom	
1-3	Ruth Scott Trevor Bissett	Barbara Pearce Val Magor	Brian Newman Steve Clemesha	
Presentation 3pm				
Pack up from 3:30pm Sunday All help appreciated				

ALL WELCOME. YOUR SHOW HAPPY TO HAVE HELP ANY TIME

March

Member Name	Laeliinae Intermediate Hybrid 60 to 100mm	Laeliinae Cluster Hybrid (min 5 flowers)	Laeliinae Novelty Hybrid spotted flower non exhibition	Oncidiinae Hybrids under 25mm	Oncidiinae Hybrids between 25 to 65 mm	Oncidiinae Hybrids over 65mm	Vandaceous Hybrid under 60mm
Class	5	7	8	13	14	15	18
CLEMESHA							
COOPER D		2					
Cowling K	3						
DAVIS							
FORSYTH B					3		
Fox B				2			
KING P & P							2
PEARCE E							
SIDEBOTTOM		5					
SOUTHWELL				3	2	5	3
Wallace P			3				
No Name							
Member Name	Vandaceous Hybrid over 60mm	Dendrobium AOV Hybrid Non Native	Australian Native Hybrid inc Dendrobium	Australian Native species inc Dendrobium	AOV Hybrid over 50mm	AOV species under 50mm	AOV species over 50mm
Class	19	24	26	27	31	32	33
CLEMESHA							5
COOPER D		3	3	3			
Cowling K	3						
DAVIS						3	
FORSYTH B							
Fox B							
KING P & P						2	
PEARCE E			2		5		
SIDEBOTTOM		4					
SOUTHWELL	2						
Wallace P							
No Name		3					