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## COFFS ORCHID NEWS – JULY 2016

### 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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Coffs Harbour Produce is at 26 June Street in Coffs. They carry a good range of fertilisers, insecticides and fungicides for orchids, as well as general garden needs. 6652 2599.

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### **1. CALENDAR**

- 9 Jul Bus trip – Tinonee Orchids  
14 Jul Meeting – orchid auction

### **2. JUNE MEETING**

**Our July meeting will be a plant auction on 14<sup>th</sup> July – not the usual first Thursday due to school holidays.**

There will be a variety of orchids auctioned and if you have a plant or two that you can donate for our auction that would be appreciated.

We hope to have a few plants from Neville Anderson's list – photos in this news letter - available for auction.

### **3. AGENDA for JUNE MEETING**

Judges - Betty Pittaway, Barbara Forsyth.

Welcome, Apologies, Visitors, New Member?

Minutes of May meeting – as printed in newsletter

Committee Meeting – newsletter

Inwards Correspondence

1. Orchids Australia magazine

Outwards Correspondence

- 1.

Finance Report –

Sponsor's Spot. Coffs Harbour Produce

Growing Competition. **REMEMBER to BRING YOUR PLANTS**

General business

1. Bus trip – any thoughts about how it went?

Raffle, popular vote.

### **4. BUS TRIP**

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July we will again be doing our bus trip to Tinonee Orchids Open Day. We leave from the Botanic gardens car park at 7.45 am sharp to drive to Tinonee, and we get back at about 5.30

At the Open Day there is an orchid show, several talks from experts on a variety of topics and of course there is a plant sale.

For those who haven't been to an orchid nursery before it's a good opportunity to see a large nursery in operation.

The cost is \$20 each, and if you haven't paid already your money will be collected at the bus. If you would like to go there may still be a couple of vacancies - please contact Bronwen or me (numbers on front page of newsletter)

### **5. MINUTES of JUNE MEETING**

Apologies: B Forsythe, R McKay, D Blay, C Davis, D & G Small, J Lock, R Scott, S Flanders.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: as per Newsletter.  
Moved: John 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ben

Correspondence: In: Mingara Show flyer, BCU Statement and cheque book.

Finances: Report in Newsletter. Moved: Sue 2<sup>nd</sup>: Steve

General Business:

- Bus trip to Tinonee 9<sup>th</sup> July EOI handed around. Leaving 7:45.

Popular Vote: Bob Southwell

Raffle: Helen, Judy, Pam, Kathy.

Growing Competition: B Pearce, K Cowling.

## 6. GROWING ORCHIDS

- Problem of scale discussed. White oil or a systemic like Confidor or Crown.
- Dick Cooper suggested canola oil and detergent that doesn't burn the plants like white oil can do.
- Watering: reduce during winter. Look at where the orchid comes from and try to repeat its natural habitat. Remember water the whole pot not just the plant.
- We looked at Trevor's plant that was totally rooted. Very healthy and active root growth. Suggested that it be back cut and repotted in spring.
- Lengthy discussion about mix/growing medium. Growers used different stuff. Most members use bark + other stuff such as perlite, gravel, charcoal.
- Coffs Produce has commercial mixes such as Searles
- Norco has Orchiata \$27.50 also thru WOS \$27.
- Aus-Gro \$35 from Tinonee or \$32 from M McKay NOS.
- ANTS: bring in diseases Ant Kill doesn't seem to hurt plants.
- Carbaryl for grasshoppers and Dendrobium beetle.
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- Set up sticky strips to see what bugs are about.
- OA Magazine has a good article for beginners.
- Tolumnia/Equitant best mounted or in a very open mix. Clay pots are good. They need to dry out completely between waterings and like warmth.
- Perhaps society could but bulk bark. On Committee agenda for Tuesday.
- Epsom salts is good for plant strength
- Condys Crystals a good fungicide.
- Black spots can't be removed.

## 7. COMMITTEE MEETING

At our committee meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June we discussed

- Arrangements for bus trip to Tinonee Orchids
- Planning for AGM and 2017 "jobs"
- Spring Show
- Purchase of bark for members
- Speakers, etc for rest of 2016

## 8. GROWING COMPETITION

We had a good start to our growing competition, and congratulations to Noelene and Trevor for being judged as the best seedlings so far.

Remember to bring your plants along to the meeting. Each plant at the meeting will receive a point and the best plant will get an extra 2 points with runner-up receiving 1 extra point.

## 9. PLANTS to GROW

In his talk to us in May Neville Anderson suggested some orchids that grow particularly well in our area. We hope to have some of these, or similar plants, available at our Auction in July.



A great sharing session, Thanks everyone.





**Dendrobium moschatum**

Dendrobium moschatum, the Musky-smelling Dendrobium, is a species of orchid. It is native to the Himalayas, and Indochina.



**Laelia Anceps**

There are quite a few varieties of Laelia anceps.



**Coelogyne flaccida**



**Dendrochillum cobbianum**



Cobb's *Dendrochilum*, described by Heinrich Gustav Reichenbach in 1880, is an epiphytic orchid occurring in the Philippines, growing on moss-covered trees. It can sometimes occur as a lithophyte growing on rocks at altitudes above 1200 m.

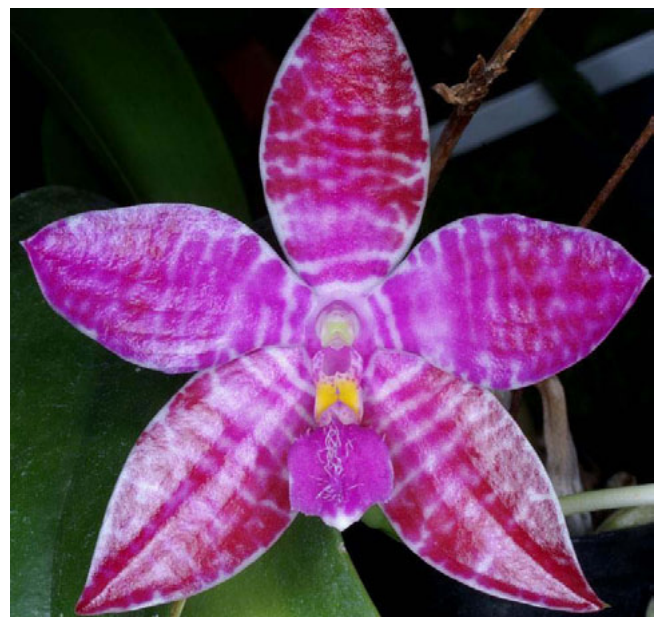


***Zygopetalum mackayi***



***Paphiopedilum insigne***

*Paphiopedilum insigne* is a species of orchid endemic to the Indian states of Assam and Meghalaya. It is the type species of the genus *Paphiopedilum*.



***Phalaenopsis lueddemanniana***

*Phalaenopsis lueddemanniana* is a species of orchid endemic to the Philippines



***Dendrobium fimbriatum***



The Fringed-lipped Dendrobium is a species of orchid. It is native to China, the Himalayas and Indochina.



**Stanhopea negroviolacea**



**any Bulbophyllum**

Bulbophyllum is one of the largest genera in the orchid family Orchidaceae. With more than 2,000 species, it is also one of the largest genera of flowering plants, exceeded only by Astragalus. This genus is abbreviated in the trade journals as Bulb



**Laeliocattleya Little Susie**

## **10. ORCHIDS AUSTRALIA ARTICLE**

We subscribe to the magazine Orchids Australia. In the June 2016 edition there is an article "The skill of artful neglect: Confessions of failure from a novice grower". The magazine is available from our library.

This article has some helpful advice on growing orchids for beginning orchid growers.

## **11. DATES for 2016**

Our meeting and show dates for 2016 have been provided by the Botanic Gardens.

9 Jul	Bus trip to Tinonee Open Day
14 Jul	Plant Auction
4 Aug	Dennis Sinclair - Sarcochilus
1 Sep	Breeding – from Go To Flower
9, 10, 11 Sept	Orchid Show
13 Oct	Bill Lennon – Soft cane Dens
3 Nov	Hans Schaubl – Bulbophyllums (?)
1 Dec	Christmas Dinner

