

COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

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COFFS ORCHID NEWS – MARCH 2017

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

2 Mar	Dick Cooper – preparing orchids for the show bench
18 Mar	Visit to Harbour Hybrids
6 Apr	Ron & Craig Alexander – growing Cooktown orchids
29/30 Apr	April Show
4 May	Neville Anderson
12/14 May	Coffs Harbour Agricultural Show
1 Jun	Eve Colley – The steamy sex life of orchids
8 Jul	Bus trip to Tinonee
13 Jul	Growing Cymbidiums on the coast.
3 Aug	Members forum and auction



7 Sep Paul Sloane & Barry Taylor – culture and breeding of Lycastes

9/10 Sep	Show
12 Oct	Hans Schaible - Bulbophyllums
2 Nov	Bromeliads
7 Dec	Christmas dinner at Mangrove Jacks
1 Feb	General Meeting

2. MARCH MEETING

Dick Cooper will be the Guest Speaker at the monthly meeting on 2nd March. The title of his address is 'Preparing Plants for the Show Bench'. Dick will talk on what is required to properly present your plants for judging at the Autumn Show. Dick is an experienced orchid grower and judge and is the Registrar of the Mid-North Coast Orchid Judging Panel. This means he will be able to give us insights into exactly what is required for successful exhibiting at any orchid show.

It will also provide us with the opportunity to ask questions about showing plants, the role of a judge and anything else that has concerned you at previous shows. For example, what do I do if I knock a flower off the plant on the way to the show or what can I and can't I do in preparing a plant for the show.

We will all benefit from listening to Dick and taking part in the conversation. Look forward to seeing you there



Hybrid orchid from Oncidium group on display table at our February meeting

3. AGENDA for MARCH GENERAL MEETING

Judges for Monthly display. Peter King and Pam Warburton

Welcome, Apologies, Visitors

Minutes of Feb. meeting – as printed in newsletter

Committee Meeting – newsletter

Inwards Correspondence

1. BCU Statements
- 2.

Outwards Correspondence

Awards

Finance – report in newsletter

Sponsors Spot – Yellow Brick Road

General Business

1. Visit to Harbour Hybrids
- 2.

Raffle, popular vote.

Guest Speaker – Dick Cooper

4. MINUTES of FEBRUARY MEETING

Apologies: P Warburton, J Sidebottom, P&G Baillie, D & G Small.

Visitors: Julie, Neville, Ray, Betty.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: as per Newsletter.

Moved: Ben 2nd: Barb

Finances: Report in Newsletter.

Committee Report: In Newsletter

Sponsor's Spot: Mangrove Jack's

General Business:

- Annual subscriptions are now due
- Growing Competition very successful. Decided to run it again this year. Winners this month 1st Ed, 2nd Trevor.
- Bus Trip: Tinonee again. Discussion about a car trip to Alexander's Harbour Orchids.

Popular Vote: Bob Southwell.

Raffle: Peter, Gary, Trevor.

Table Talk: Ray looked at the table display and singled out some Oncidiums, a Neobenthamia, a Foxtail orchid and a Kingianum that should not be flowering now.



Ray explaining the use of a product to stop root rot.

5. RAY'S TALK - HOW TO GET ORCHIDS THROUGH THE HOT WEATHER.

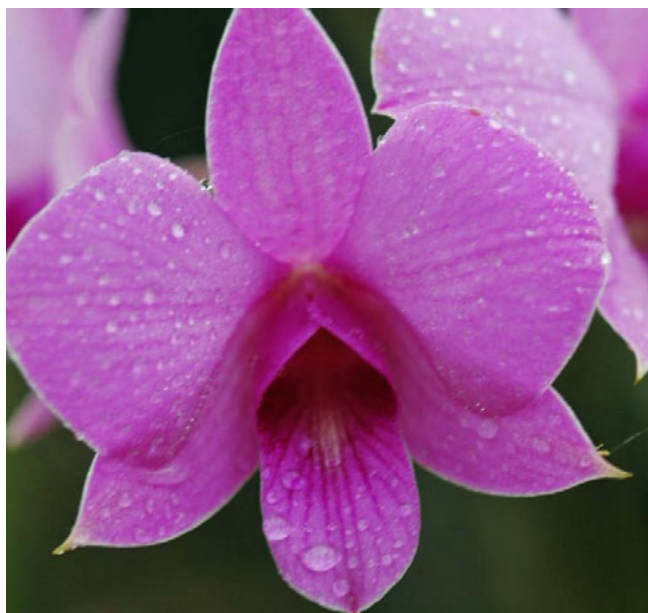
- Ray just let us know that despite rumours he was not dead or retired.
- The climate has been doing hideous things. 43.7 the other day.
- Generalisation but the optimum growing temperatures for orchids 15-30
- Below 15 growth rate slows, plants shiver and shut down
- Above 30 plants get stressed and "sulk".
- Don't water in the heat of the day
- Keep humidity up but no water on the plants.
- Water on the leaves leads to fungus taking hold.
- Water in the cool of the evening if plants are dry. Not every night. Misting can cause fungus. Ray fogs.
- If below 15 and heading for a cold night water in the morning, allowing any water to be gone before the cold sets in.
- Ray suggested wetting the floor in the shade house to increase humidity.
- Mancozeb recommended for fungus and black spot.
- If spraying do so instead of watering.
- For infections in the bulbs or roots use Anti-Rot.

- Nutrition is essential in the hot weather. Feed regularly. Add Calcium and Magnesium to help in the heat.
- A dose of Epsom salts 5g/Lt excellent this time of year.
- Avoid repotting in the heat.
- Another layer of shade cloth could be helpful but remember to take it off in winter. Rule: ON Melbourne Cup Day. OFF Anzac Day.
- Pests are rampant during the hot humid weather. Be careful with White oil as it can burn in the heat - that is why it is called winter spray.
- Eco oil is not as much of a problem.
- Mealy bug: Rogor, Confidor Movento.

Thanks Ray for a most entertaining and informative talk.

6. VISIT to HARBOUR HYBRIDS

We are planning a visit to local orchid growers Ron and Craig Alexander at Harbour Hybrids in Old Coast Road on Saturday, 18th March. The arrangement is that we will meet in the car park of the Botanic Gardens at 1.30 pm and do some carpooling before we drive to Harbour Hybrids.



They grow a variety of orchids but specialise in varieties of *Dendrobium biggibum* or Cooktown orchids. We will be able to look around their nursery and purchase a few plants if interested. We will ask people to sign up at our march meeting so we can give them an idea of how many people will be coming.

Ron is a former president of our society and will be our guest speaker in April.

7. AUCTION of PRINTS

The society has had two old orchid prints donated. We've decided to offer these for auction at our next meeting.

The first is a print of a *Sarcochilus*, and the second is a print of a *Calanthe*.



Sarcochilus print

The prints are dated 1879 and are attributed to R.D. Fitzgerald (30 November 1830 – 12 August 1892) who was an Irish-Australian surveyor, ornithologist botanist and poet.

Whilst working as a public servant FitzGerald's private passion and ability regarding ornithology and botany became so skillful that he communicated directly with Charles Darwin regarding Australian species of plant and was referred to several times in the book *The Different Forms of Flowers on Plants of the Same Species* of 1877. He also collected orchids for the great German-Australian botanist Ferdinand von Mueller.^[3]

His extraordinary skills gave rise to a volume of work completed over seven years called *Australian Orchids* which J. D. Hooker another botanist, considered *would be an honour to any country and to any Botanist*.

Fitzgerald is a famous name in orchids and several orchids have been named after him. For more information try Google



Calanthe print

The prints are framed, but there has been some deterioration in the frames and the prints themselves.

The framing business in Orlando Street, Coffs harbour has looked at the prints and has estimated that to do some restoration and re-frame the prints would be about \$130 for the Sarcocylus and about \$175 for the Calanthe.

They will be offered for auction "as is" at the March meeting. Anyone who would like to put a bid for either of the prints but who will not be at the meeting can contact me and tell me your maximum bid. I will then bid on your behalf and buy the print at the lowest possible bid up to your maximum.

8. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS are DUE

Please note that the annual memberships are due from the February meeting. The fees are the same as for 2016, 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 2017). Please pay Bruce Hall as soon as possible.

Members may wish to pay their subscriptions directly into our account, or by netbank. The BSB for our account is 533000, account number 60050. This is a BCU account in the name of Coffs Harbour Orchid society.



Laelia family orchids displayed at our February meeting

9. COMMITTEE REPORT

We held our committee meeting at Mangrove Jacks on 7th February and discussed a number of matters

- Show schedules sent to neighbouring societies.
- Arrangements for show
- Planning trip to Harbour Hybrids
- Discussion of planned workshops later in year
- Decided to have another growing competition
- Auction for prints

10. PLANT GROWING COMPETITION for 2017/8

The Society will conduct another growing competition for the next twelve months (April, 2017 to April, 2018) using a plant called *Zygopetalum Debbie De Mellow* 'Honolulu Bay'.

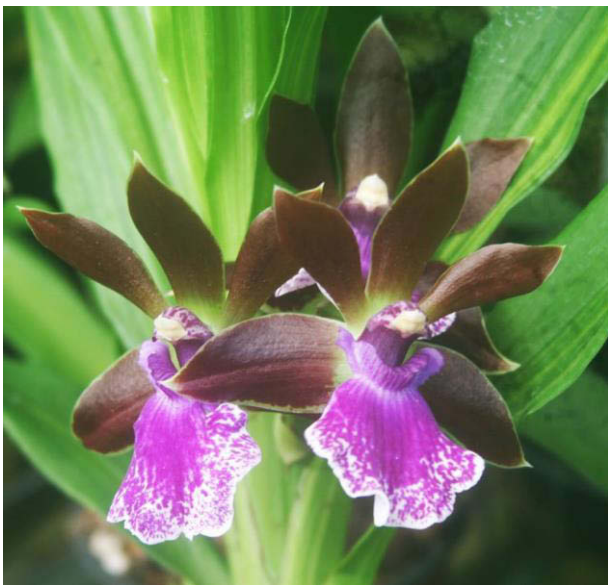
This is a warm growing Zygo hybrid, is fragrant and flowers throughout the year.

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

Plants will be allocated at the monthly meeting on Thursday, 6th April. We will have a draw during the April meeting to fairly allocate the plants. Please bring your money (\$10) and pay Bruce at either the March or April meetings

11. JUDGING ROSTER for MONTHLY MEETINGS

Mar	Peter King, Pam Warburton
Apr	Steve Clemesha, Gary Suter
May	Carole Davis, Sue Flanders
Jun	Betty Pittaway, Judith Whiting
Jul	Bob Southwell, Jan Farr
Aug	Rhonda Smith, Rose McKay
Sep	Bruce Hall, Di Blay
Oct	Bob Southwell, Jennifer Lock
Nov	Barbara Pearce, Helen Seiver
Dec/Reserves	Bob, Carol, Barb



The competition will function in a similar way to the 2016-2017 comp.

- 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: 1 point for each plant brought to the meeting.
 - 2 extra points for the plant judged the best for that month.
 - 1 extra point for the plant judged as second best.
- Results will be kept and collated by Ron Cowling and Dianne Blay.
- Each plant will be allocated a numbered tag (no names). If you report 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:
 - Plant with highest points score
 - Plant which flowers first (50% of buds open)

We will produce a growing guide for distribution at a future meeting.



Coelogyne mooreana "Brockhurst"

COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY (CHOS)

TRADING STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 February 2017 to 21 February 2017.

DATE OF THIS STATEMENT 21/2/2017.

	Receipt	<u>INCOME</u>	Cheque	<u>EXPEND</u>	
	00/1	M/Ships	\$ 260.00		Refer Receipt Book
	00/2	Raffle	\$ 119.00		Monthly Meet, Feb.
	00/2	Raffle		144 \$18.97	S. Williams gifts to G/Speaker
	06/1	Sponsorship	\$ 100.00		Tinonee Orchids
		Sponsorship	\$ 200.00		Yellow Brick Rd.
	00/7	Newsletter		143 \$40.00	Xerox, Feb. issue.
		<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>\$ 679.00</u>	<u>\$58.97</u>	
		DEBIT/CREDIT TOTAL FOR THE PERIOD	\$ 620.03		

Bank Reconciliation for the above trading period.

Opening Bank Balance 1/2/2017.	<u>\$ 7,653.23</u>
Rec for above period	\$ 679.00
S/T	<u>\$ 8,332.23</u>
DEDUCT Exp for above period	<u>\$ 58.97</u>
Pre. u/presented cheques	\$ -
S/T	<u>\$ 58.97</u>
	<u>\$ 8,273.26</u>

Balance of income and expenditure **\$ 8,273.26** Refer BCU Statement @ 21/02/2017.

The following Accts to be paid: Nil at this time

NOTES:

CHOS has a sum of \$10,000.00 invested as a FTD with all interest earned folled into the daily account and is shown in the appropriate trading statememts.

HALL. B.G.
Hon. Treasurer
21/2/2017.

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Member Name	Laeliinae Miniature Hybrid under 60mm	Laeliinae Cluster Hybrid (min 5 flowers)	Laeliinae Novelty Hybrid spotted flower non exhibition	Laeliinae Species	Paph and Allied Species	Oncidiinae Hybrids over 65 mm	Oncidiinae Hybrids 25 to 65 mm	Oncidiinae Hybrids under 25mm	Tolumnia (equitant Oncidiums)	Vandaceous Hybrid over 60mm	Vandaceous Hybrid 60mm and under
Class	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	19	20
B HALL			5					3			2
BAKER									5		
BLAY					3	3					
D COOPER		3					2				
E PEARCE				3		2					
H SEIVER	3										
K Cowling										2	
P & P KING							3				
SOUTHWELL										3	3
WONG	2										

Member Name	Vandaceous SPECIES	Phalaenopsis HYBRID under 50mm	Dendrobium Hardcane Hybrid Non Native	Dendrobium AOV Hybrid Non Native	A.O.V Species Non Native	Australian Native Hybrid inc Dendrobium	Australian Native species inc Dendrobium	AOV Hybrid over 50mm	AOV Hybrid 50mm and under	AOV species over 50mm	AOV species 50mm and under
Class	21	24	27	28	29	30	31	34	35	36	37
B HALL		3	3								5
B PEARCE										2	
BAKER				3	5	5					
BLAY									3		3
E PEARCE	3						2	5			
H SEIVER						3	3				
SOUTHWELL				2					2	3	
No Name						2					