

COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

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COFFS ORCHID NEWS – FEB 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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Coelogyne pandurata

1. CALENDAR

24 Jan	Committee Meeting
2 Feb	Ray Clements – growing orchids in hot weather
2 Mar	Dick Cooper – preparing orchids for the show bench
6 Apr	Ron & Craig Alexander – growing Cooktown orchids
29/30 Apr	April Show
4 May	Neville Anderson
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

2. FEBRUARY MEETING

At our first meeting for the year on 2nd February our Guest Speaker will be Ray Clements from Tinonee Orchids. Ray's topic will be helping our orchids cope with our climate.

Ray will have a selection of plants and some hardware available for purchase on the night. If you wish to place an order with Tinonee Orchids, then Ray will bring it to the meeting (and you will save any freight charges).

Tinonee Orchids phone number is 6553 1012. Check the website at www.tinoneeorchids.com to see what they have available in hardware, potting materials, etc.

3. AGENDA for FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Judges for Monthly display. Dick Cooper and Kathy Cowling

Welcome, Apologies, Visitors

Minutes of Dec meeting – as printed in newsletter

Committee Meeting – newsletter

Inwards Correspondence

1. BCU Statements
2. Cheque book

Outwards Correspondence

Sponsors Spot

General Business

1. Plant growing competition. Should we do this again?
- 2.

Raffle, popular vote.



Coelogyne mooreana "Brockhurst" FCC which flowered in January.

4. MINUTES of DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Everyone was welcomed to our Christmas meeting. Thanks to members who set everything up for us.

Minutes of Nov meeting – as printed in newsletter. Mvd Sue, Scd Kathy Minutes be approved.

Committee Meeting – newsletter

Inwards Correspondence - nil

Outwards Correspondence - nil

Active Service Awards. – this is given to members who have been members for 10, 15, 20 or more years. Sometimes our records are incorrect – please let me know if you think there is a mistake.

- 10 Years Pat Wallace
- 15 Years Selisa Ronolo-King
- 20 Years Clem Murray
- 35 Years Peter Baker
- 40 Years Steve Clemesha

Awards for Monthly display – based on plants brought along each month to our meetings. Awards given to member with most points in each category.

Glad Fleming Perpetual Trophy – awarded to the member who has the most points overall for 2016

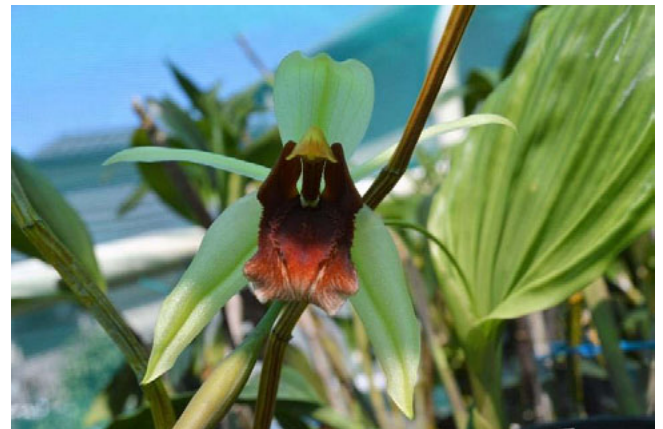
The 2016 winner is Bruce Hall.

Raffle winners were Pauline Clemesha, Rose McKay, Jean Wong and Pam Warburton (This became a potting demo?)

Popular Vote

- 1st Ron Cowling
- 2nd Steve Clemesha
- 3rd Bruce Hall

Reminder about the Bunnings Sausage sizzle on Sunday.



Coelogyne Lyme Bay

5. PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Greetings and welcome to a new year for Coffs Harbour Orchid Society. I hope that you have enjoyed the Christmas/New Year celebrations and that your orchids are thriving.

You might remember that I made a New Year's resolution a couple of years ago, "to grow my orchids better". I certainly had some successes, but I had a big failure with my inability to manage mealy bug in my orchids.

I obviously didn't spray often enough with the right spray and so I had mealy bug in several of my orchids, especially my Zygopetalums, and I've had to throw out quite a few orchids because of this.



Found in warmer growing climates, mealybugs are soft-bodied, wingless insects that often appear as white cottony masses on the leaves, stems and fruit of plants. They feed by inserting long sucking mouthparts, called stylets, into plants and drawing sap out of the tissue. Damage is not often significant at low pest levels. However, at higher numbers they can cause leaf yellowing and curling as the plant weakens.

I am now spraying more often to try to get rid of the pests there and to prevent it from returning. There are several products that will stop mealy bug.

I've been pleased to flower several orchids during January. My Stanhopea flowered, as well as several Coelogynes and several Oncidiinae hybrids. Some photos of these are in this newsletter.

6. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS are DUE

Please note that the annual memberships are due at 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.

7. CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our Christmas dinner was held at Mangrove Jacks on 1st December. Thanks to those who helped set up the room with decorations, table displays, etc.



It is a lovely setting overlooking the Coffs Creek and we had a good night. Thanks to Phil Studley and staff at Mangrove Jacks for their efforts in helping to make it a successful night.

8. BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

A big thank you to everyone who helped with our Bunnings sausage sizzle before Christmas. It was a busy day but very successful and during the afternoon we had to buy some more sausages and soft drink.



Some of the workers setting up for the day.

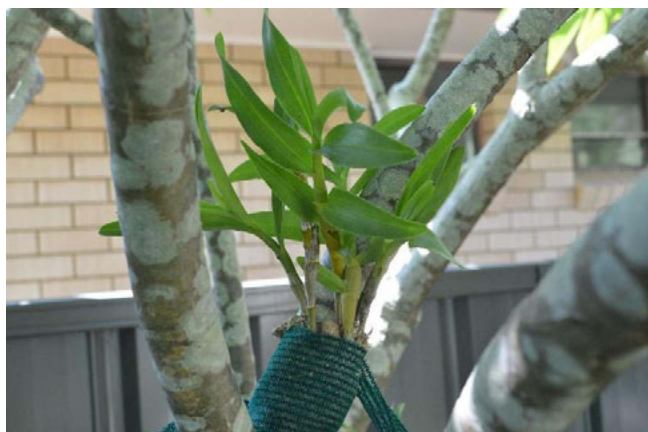
9. ORCHIDS on TREES

This year I decided to grow some orchids on trees in my backyard. Members might remember Steve Clemesha talking with us about how to do this a couple of years ago.

I am trying to grow them on some Frangipani trees since they give more shade in summer and more sun in winter which suits the Dendrobiums that I am trying to grow.

I have put some Australian Dendrobiums and some soft cane Dendrobiums on the trees and I now have

about twenty plants growing. I tied the plant onto a fork in the tree, put some sphagnum moss over the roots and then secured this with a piece of shade cloth.



I am now watering frequently so they establish on the trees and hope to have lots of flowers in spring.

10. MONTHLY DISPLAY

Some minor changes have been made to the Monthly Competition Categories. A copy is attached to this newsletter. We have added three Species sections (Cymbidium, Vandaceous and Phalaenopsis) and made three size divisions in the Phalaenopsis sections. This list (Version 4.1) replaces all others and will be in force from the February, 2017, meeting.

This monthly competition involves allocating three points for 1st place and two points for 2nd place in each of the categories. Awards are given at the end of the year (December) for the overall winner and a cash prize for the highest points scorer in each category. Members need a minimum of six points in a category to be considered for an award. The competition runs from February to November. Plants must be benched by 7.15pm and judging will commence at 7.20pm. Thanks to Gary Suter for his ongoing work in collating the point scores.

11. COMMITTEE REPORT

We held our committee meeting at Mangrove Jacks on 24th January and discussed a number of matters in planning for 2017

- Pleased with Christmas dinner and will have it at MJ's again this year

- We will allow for people to pay their subs by direct credit to the CHOS account.
- Pleased with our "Sausage Sizzle" and have learned some lessons for next time.
- Bruce Hall is appointed as our public officer
- Discussed the proposed program for 2017 – see calendar.
- Approved the schedule for our April show.
- Will ask members if we should have another plant growing competition
- Tabled matters of Life Membership and constitution for later meetings

12. PLANT GROWING COMPETITION

Don't forget to bring your plant along to the February meeting. The competition ends in April so only three chances left to gain points.

Has anyone flowered their plant yet? At least one grower has a spike.



Stanhopea negroviolacea

Would you like to have another plant growing competition this year?

MONTHLY POINTS SCORE CATEGORIES

UPDATED: DECEMBER, 2016 **VERSION: 4.1**

1	Standard Cymbidium HYBRID. Over 90mm	22	Phalaenopsis HYBRID. Over 75mm.
2	Intermediate Cymbidium HYBRID. 60mm - 90mm	23	Phalaenopsis HYBRID. 50mm - 75mm.
3	Miniature Cymbidium HYBRID. Under 60mm	24	Phalaenopsis HYBRID. Under 50mm.
4	Cymbidium SPECIES (Including Australian Natives)	25	Phalaenopsis SPECIES.
5	Laeliinae Exhibition Shape HYBRID. Over 100mm	26	Dendrobium Nobile (Softcane) HYBRID.
6	Laeliinae Intermediate HYBRID. 60mm – 100mm	27	Dendrobium Hardcane HYBRID. Non-Native.
7	Laeliinae Miniature HYBRID. Under 60mm	28	Dendrobium AOV HYBRID. Non-Native. (Includes Spatulata & Intermediate Types)
8	Laeliinae Cluster HYBRID. 5 Flowers minimum per spike.	29	Dendrobium AOV SPECIES. Non-Native.
9	Laeliinae Novelty HYBRID. Spotted/flower not exhibition shape.	30	Australian Native HYBRID. Including Dendrobiums.
10	Laeliinae SPECIES.	31	Australian Native SPECIES. Including Dendrobiums.
11	Paphiopedilum (Slipper) HYBRID. Exhibition Shape.	32	Australian Native Monopodial HYBRID.
12	Paphiopedilum Novelty and Allied HYBRID.	33	Australian Native Monopodial SPECIES.
13	Paphiopedilum and Allied SPECIES.	34	AOV HYBRID. Over 50mm.
14	Oncidiinae HYBRID. Over 65mm.	35	AOV HYBRID. 50mm and under.
15	Oncidiinae HYBRID. 25mm – 65mm.	36	AOV SPECIES. Over 50mm.
16	Oncidiinae HYBRID. Under 25mm.	37	AOV SPECIES. 50mm and under.
17	Tolumnia (Equitant Oncidiums) HYBRID.	38	Australian Native Terrestrial HYBRID.
18	Oncidiinae and Allied SPECIES.	39	Australian Native Terrestrial SPECIES.
19	Vandaceous HYBRID. Over 60mm.	40	Novice.
20	Vandaceous HYBRID. 60mm and under.	41	Junior (Under 18 years).
21	Vandaceous SPECIES.	42	Non-Competitive. Display Only.

AOV = Any Other Variety.

First and Second awarded in each category.