

# COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

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## COFFS ORCHID NEWS – MAY 2017

### 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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Thanks to the Xerox Shop for printing this newsletter

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### **1. CALENDAR**

29/30 Apr	April Show
4 May	Neville Anderson
10/12 May	Grafton OS Show
11/13 May	Nambucca OS Show
12/14 May	Coffs Harbour Agricultural Show
28 May	Botanica at gardens?
1 Jun	Eve Colley – The steamy sex life of orchids
8 Jul	Bus trip to Tinonee
13 Jul	Ed Pearce - Coelogynes.
3 Aug	Members forum and auction
19 Aug	Bellingen OS Show
1/3 Sep	Nambucca Show
2/3 Sep	Kempsey Speciosum Show
7 Sep	Paul Sloane & Barry Taylor – culture and breeding of Lycastes
9/10 Sep	Show
27 Aug	Workshop
7 Oct	Woolgoolga OS Show
12 Oct	Hans Schaible – Bulbophyllums
29 Oct	Workshop
2 Nov	AGM. Speaker TBA
7 Dec	Christmas dinner at Mangrove Jacks
1 Feb	General Meeting

### **2. MAY MEETING**

Neville Anderson is our guest speaker for our May meeting. Neville is currently the President of

Woolgoolga Orchid Society and has been heavily involved with the Coffs Orchid Society in the past.

Neville spoke to our Society last year and his talk was so informative and so well received that members have requested that he be asked to speak again in 2017. He has agreed and this year his talk will be entitled 'The Origin of Orchids'.

It is certain to be informative and entertaining so don't miss out.



**Did you see Carole Davis' picture and story in the Advocate promoting our orchid show?**

### **3. AGENDA for MAY GENERAL MEETING**

Judges for Monthly display – Carole Davis and Sue Flanders

Welcome, Apologies, Visitors

Minutes of April meeting – as printed in newsletter

Committee Meeting – newsletter

Inwards Correspondence

1. BCU Statements
2. Grafton OS Show schedule - email

Outwards Correspondence

Finance – report in newsletter

Plant Growing Competitions

Sponsors Spot – Coffs Harbour Produce

General Business

1. April Show
2. Coffs Harbour Show
3. Botanica at Show
4. Bus Trip to Tinonee

Raffle, popular vote.

Guest Speaker – Neville Anderson.

#### **4. MINUTES of APRIL MEETING**

Apologies: B Bright, Steve Clemesha, J Sidebottom, D Cooper, T Denison, R Scott, R Mackay

Visitor: Leonie

Minutes of Previous Meeting: as per Newsletter.

Moved: Ben 2<sup>nd</sup>: Neil

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

Committee Report: In Newsletter

Correspondence: Statement from BCU, Letter to Bunnings

Awards: Peter Baker 35 years, Selisa King 15 years



**Sue Flanders' lovely orchid which won the popular vote**

#### **General Business:**

- Growing Competition for 2017 Plants given out. This week Kathy C 1<sup>st</sup> Trevor 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Roster for Show is available see Ron for more info.
- Bellinger Valley OS 21<sup>st</sup> year Dinner info given out

Raffle: Carole, Kathy x2, Di

Popular Vote: Sue Flanders.

#### **5. ALEXANDERS' TALK**

- Former members of CHOS
- Growing Dendrobium Bigibbums - the Cooktown Orchid. They have specialized in one genera and they grow very well
- They have no sprinklers - hand water and have more control.
- Craig gave a handout that will be available to all members.
- Line breeding leads to best traits to help judging standards
- Have to realize the conditions in the wild. E.g. Weipa hot, dry with a rainy season. Some grow at sea level, some on the Atherton tableland and take frost.
- They grow their plants in a tunnel with no heating in winter but lots of air movement. Do not water in winter and rely on misting. Must look after the root system
- Beware of root rot.
- Neville Anderson's advice is to take advantage of the morning sun. Best sunlight and growing conditions.
- Shade young plants in summer. Older plants like lots of light.
- Don't repot too often, as they like to be confined.
- Not great feeders. High nitrogen when new growth appears. Can switch to flower boosting fertilizer.
- Potash, silica and Calcium important. These can now be available in liquid form.

#### **6. AUTUMN SHOW**

The show will be conducted over two days in the Display Room at the North Coast Regional Botanic Gardens, Coffs Harbour - Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Judging will take place early Saturday morning and the Show will be open to members and the public from 10am. Presentation of prizes will take place on Sunday from 3pm.

Setting up for the Show will take place from 1pm on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April. Members are asked to consult the roster which is attached to this newsletter. Special thanks to Ron Cowling for compiling the roster. If you can provide additional assistance, then please ring Ron on 0432 142 651.

Benching of plants for the Autumn Show will be from 3pm to 6pm on Friday and 7am to 7.30am on Saturday. Tables will be provided at the side door so you can organise your plants during the registration process. White plant cards will be available at the April

meeting if you wish to fill out details of your entries prior to the Show.

A Show Marshals Receiving table will be set up inside the room and we ask that you place your plants on this table after registration. The Show marshals and their assistants will then place these entries into the correct Sections on the benches.

We also welcome plants for the Sales Table. Sale Plant tags will be available at the April meeting. Plants do not have to be in flower but should be healthy and well established.

## 7. FLASKS



I recently bought a couple of *Zygopetalum* flasks from Stephen Monkhouse Orchids. Stephen is a leader in the breeding of this family of orchids. It is easy to remove the plants from these plastic flasks.



I then potted some plants in moss and some in my regular orchid mix of coconut, perlite, and charcoal. I was interested to experiment, so some of these seedlings were treated with a rooting compound using for striking cuttings and some were not. Some are being fertilized with Maxicrop, some with Strikeback, some with a hormone called Stimulizer and some with Campbell's Blue. I will be interested to see if there is a combination that grows better than the others.

## 8. SHOW MARSHAL'S ADVICE re PREPARING PLANTS for SHOW BENCH.

- Plants must be owned by the member for a minimum of six months prior to the show.
- Exhibitors must be members of a local Orchid Society and affiliated with the Orchid Society of NSW. Please ensure that you have paid your 2017 membership fees prior to the show.
- Plants should be staked and tied if required. The methods used should follow the rules and not detract from the overall presentation of the plant.
- Remove any additional travelling ties so the orchid presents well. Sometimes removal of hanging hooks gives the orchid a neater look.
- Prior to the Show clean up the plant. Remove old flower stalks, dead leaves, etc. Cleaning the leaves (metho, etc.) may help in presenting a better-looking plant.
- Remove any signs of disease and pests. For example, a small amount of scale can be removed with a cotton bud dipped in metho. Please don't bring diseased plants to the Show. The Show Marshal will remove them as they may endanger plants of other growers.
- Each pot or mount needs proper support. Don't expect the Show Marshal to do it for you. Plants that are not self-supporting may be removed from the exhibition in case they fall over and damage other entries. Use a larger pot, pot feet, etc., to make sure the plant is stable. Proper stands or upside down pots may help to elevate the plants.
- Clearly notated labels for each plant are desirable. If the name is not known, then say Unknown on the label (E.g.: *Dendrobium* Unknown). It sometimes helps to look up the orchids name to check that it is spelt correctly. A correct label assists in deciding if the orchid is a species or a hybrid. 4B, 5B and 6B pencils can be used to make a long-lasting label. A permanent marker also does the job.
- Water the plant the day before benching or early in the morning if benching late in the day. The plant needs to survive without water for three days but it is important to avoid pools of water on the show bench from freshly watered pots. Avoid wetting the flower petals as this may cause spots, etc.
- Once you register your plant with the Show Officials you will be given a white card, a number for each plant plus a small piece of blu tac. Write your name on the back of the card. Place the numbered dot on the front of the card in the right-hand corner above the line. Write the name of the plant on the front of the card below the line. Use the blu tac to stick the card onto the side of the pot you want facing the Judges.



- Place your plant on the receiving table and the Show Marshals will place it in the correct Section for judging.
- It is also important that you read the “Notes” on the back page of the Autumn Show Schedule, 2017. This outlines the rules and conditions under which our Show is conducted.

## 9. COFFS HARBOUR AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Just a reminder to everyone that, once again, we are providing an orchid display at the Coffs Harbour Agricultural Show 13/14 May. Setting up time is from about 1pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, in the Advocate Exhibition Hall, and we would appreciate as many plants as possible. It is not a competition, rather an opportunity to showcase the extensive variety of species grown by our members, and this year – for the first time – Woolgoolga is joining us, so a great opportunity to promote both Societies. Of course, if you would like to put in an official entry for the Show, you have a very good chance of winning something as previously the number of orchids submitted has been negligible. Last year our display was pretty outstanding and received numerous compliments. If you have foliage plants which you think would enhance the display, they are also welcome. We have a roster of members from Coffs and Woopi who have offered their time to keep an eye on the exhibits and to help out with enquiries. We finish up about 3.30pm on the Sunday so plants can be collected then, and it is surprising how quickly the display can be dismantled !! If you are unable to assist with plants, do hope that you will be able to visit the Show and enjoy all the displays and activities.

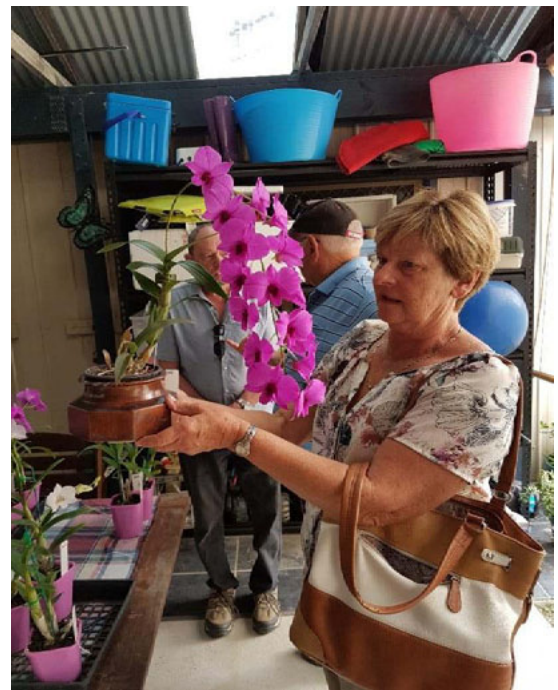
## 10. VISIT to HARBOUR HYBRIDS

After a very successful talk from Craig and Ron Alexander at the April meeting, fifteen members made a visit to the Korora nursery. Craig and Ron showed us through the process from when plants were removed from the flasks, grown in community pots and then planted in their final sale pot or mounted on a tree fern slab. Members also saw their large breeding stock and examined the latest examples of their successful breeding program.



**Craig Alexander talking about their breeding program.**

Harbour Hybrids operates a stall at the uptown Sunday Markets during the autumn months. They plan on opening a roadside stall at the nursery from late June this year. We recommend that members check out this stall later in the year at 66 Old Coast Road, Korora.



**Helen Seiver with a plant she had purchased last year.**

The Society thanks Ron and Craig for giving up their time and for being so willing in sharing their knowledge on growing Cooktown Orchids. And special thanks for letting us invade their nursery.

### **11. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS are DUE**

Please note that the annual memberships are due from the February meeting. The fees are \$10 for a single membership and \$15 for a couple. Please pay Bruce Hall as soon as possible.

### **12. COMMITTEE REPORT**

We held our committee meeting at Mangrove Jacks on 11<sup>th</sup> April and discussed a number of matters –

- Autumn Show and road closures
- Re-schedules trip to Harbour Hybrids
- July visit to Tinonee Orchids
- Growing Competition(s)
- Ag Show and Botanica
- Revision of Constitution
- Suggestions re Life Membership

### **13. BOTANICA 2017.**

The Botanic Gardens are running a Botanica event on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May between 10 am and 3 pm. We participated in this event when it started several years ago but we have not taken part for the last few years.

The idea is to have an event to encourage people to visit the gardens – similar to the first couple of years.

We have been invited to participate, perhaps with a display and the opportunity to sell a few plants. If we proceed with this we will need plants for our display, some sale plants and of course people to organize and supervise things for us.

What do you think? We will talk about this at our meeting.

### **14. PLANT GROWING COMPETITION for 2016/7**

This has now been finalised and the winners have been determined. Successful growers will be presented with their prizes during the May meeting.

Thank you to all members who took part. It was indeed a great success.

### **15. PLANT GROWING COMPETITION for 2017/8**

This year's competition plant is *Zygopetalum Debbie De Mellow* 'Honolulu Bay'.



**I have an older plant of Zygo Debbie De Mellow which is in flower now.**

Plants were allocated at the April meeting and the first judging will take place at the May meeting.

Please don't forget to bring along your new plant for judging.

If you have not yet purchased this year's competition plant then the good news is that specimens are still available at \$10 each. Pay Bruce at the May meeting and we will allocate you a plant.

### **16. WORKSHOPS**

We are planning to conduct two half day members workshops this year. The aim is to have a hands-on approach where ever possible. Possible exercises would be deflasking and potting this plant and mounting a small plant on a suitable medium. The workshops would be held in the Display Room at the Coffs Botanic Gardens.

Workshop Dates:

- Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> August – 2pm to 4.30pm.
- Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> October – 2pm to 4.30pm.

Please mark the dates on your calendar. More details in the near future.

**COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY (CHOS)**

**TRADING STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF 28 March 2017 to 24 April 2017.**

**DATE OF THIS STATEMENT 24/4/2017.**

Receipt	<u>INCOME</u>	Cheque	<u>EXPEND</u>	
00/1 M/Ships	\$ 70.00			Refer Receipt Book
00/2 Raffle	\$ 86.80			Monthly Meet,Mar
00/3 Hall Hire		582	\$40.00	Mar.
00/6 Statutory		579	\$260.00	OSNSW Insurance/Ed Pearce
00/9 Sundry Exp/Income		578	\$26.70	Food services/S Williams.
03/2 Autumn Show		580 581	\$1,305.00	Prize money/Floats
05/1 Growing Plant comp.	\$ 50.00			Refer Receipt Book
<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 206.80</u></b>		<b><u>\$1,631.70</u></b>	
<b>DEBIT/CREDIT TOTAL FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>-\$ 1,424.90</b>			

**Bank Reconciliation for the above trading period.**

Opening Bank Balance 21/2/2017.	<u>\$ 7,911.34</u>		
Rec for above period	\$ 206.80		
S/T	<u>\$ 8,118.14</u>		
<b>DEDUCT</b> Exp for above period	<u>\$ 1,591.70</u>		
Pre. u/presented cheques	\$ 100.00	Chqs.150,576.	
S/T	<u>\$ 1,691.70</u>		
	\$ 6,426.44		
<b>Balance of income and expenditure</b>	<b><u>\$ 6,426.44</u></b>		Refer BCU Statement @ 23/04/2017.

The following Accts to be paid: Nil at this time

The following cheques 582 totalling \$40.00 have not been presented.

**NOTES: Chq. 577 is still outstanding March.**

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 statementts.

HALL. B.G.

Hon. Treasurer

22/4/2017.

April Point score

Member Name		Laeliinae Exhibition Hybrid over 100mm	Laeliinae Cluster Hybrid (min 5 flowers)	Laeliinae Novelty Hybrid spotted flower non exhibition	Laeliinae Species	Oncidiinae Hybrids over 65 mm	Oncidiinae Hybrids 25 to 65 mm	Oncidiinae Hybrids under 25mm	Vandaceous Hybrid over 60mm	Vandaceous Hybrid under 60mm
	Class	5	8	9	10	14	15	16	19	20
<b>BLAY</b>	Di		3			3	2	3		
<b>HALL</b>	Bruce							2	3	3
<b>MURRAY</b>	Clem	3								
<b>PEARCE</b>	Edward				2	2				
<b>PEARCE</b>	Barb	2								
<b>RONOLO-KING</b>	Selisa			3						
<b>SOUTHWELL</b>	Bob				3		3		2	5

Member Name		Phalaenopsis Hybrid Over 75mm	Phalaenopsis Hybrid 50mm - 75mm	Phalaenopsis SPECIES	Dendrobium Hardcane Hybrid Non Native	Australian Native Hybrid inc Dendrobium	Australian Native species inc Dendrobium	AOV Hybrid over 50mm	AOV species over 50mm	Novice (first year of membership)
	Class	22	23	25	27	30	31	34	36	40
<b>BAKER</b>	Peter				2	5				
<b>BLAY</b>	Di				3					
<b>FLANDERS</b>	Sue									3
<b>HALL</b>	Bruce						5		3	
<b>PEARCE</b>	Edward	3	3					3	2	
<b>SOUTHWELL</b>	Bob	2		3				2		