



# COFFS ORCHID NEWS FEB, 2023

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### 1. EDITORIAL:

Happy New Year—Welcome to 2023. Our wish is that you have a happy and healthy 2023 and from an orchid point of view it is a “Blooming New Year”.

In December last year we held a very successful Annual Awards Night at Shearwater Restaurant. This was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present. Two years ago in 2020 we had a similar dinner at Shearwater and as it had been a year filled with Covid we were looking forward to 2021 as being a much better year. That is not how it turned out to be and there continued to be much disruption in 2021.

However, 2022, by comparison has been a brilliant year – we held two great Shows, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch at Opal Cove and ten full monthly meetings. Thank you to all our members who helped make 2022 a great year.

Thanks to our Sponsors for their continued support.

Thanks to all the Committee members for a great year and especially to two members of the outgoing Committee – Ann Deans and Leonie Everitt – for their dedication and hard work. Much appreciated. Welcome to our two new Committee members, Carmen and Frank.

Congratulations to Malcolm Ide for being crowned the 2022 Champion and presented with the Glad Fleming Perpetual Trophy.

Once again we approach the new year of 2023 with much hope and great expectations. Your Committee is already hard at work compiling a detailed program of activities which includes monthly guest speakers, workshop activities, two orchid shows and a variety of visits to members greenhouses and local orchid nursery's. During 2021-2022 the Society saw a pleasing increase in new members, many being very new orchid growers. With this in mind, this years program will reflect a “Return to Basics” in relation to the theme of many of the monthly topics. The Committee would welcome any other suggestions of activities which we could add to the 2023 program. We look forward to a very informative and productive 2023.

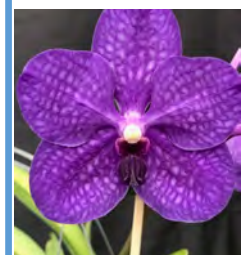


Annie Houston presents Malcolm Ide with the Champions trophy

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



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**BRUCE HALL**

Bruce provides the raffle prizes for both the Autumn and Spring Shows.

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**CALENDAR, 2022**

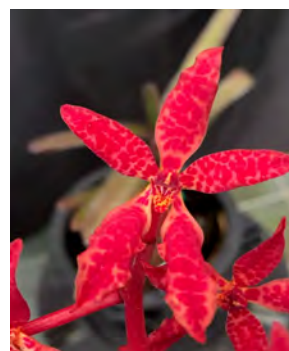
- 24 Jan 2023—Committee Meeting
- 2 Feb 2023— Feb Meeting—  
"Back To Basics—Potting, etc"
- 2 Mar 2023—March Meeting—  
Bruce Hall—"Repotting  
Stanhopeas"
- 6 April 2023— "Back To Basics—  
Plant Needs, etc"
- 22-23 Apr 2023—Autumn Show
- 4 May 2023—Paige Sinclair  
"Plant Labels"
- 1 June 2023— Dick Cooper—  
"Using OrchidWiz"
- 20 July 2023—Hans Schaible—  
New Bulbophyllums
- 3 Aug 2023— Member  
Presentations

Note: The Committee meets on Tuesday following the Monthly Meeting.

**CHOS BANK DETAILS**

**BSB No: 533-000**

**ACCOUNT No: 32817199**



**3. RESULTS FROM THE ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTATION HELD AT SHEARWATER, DECEMBER, 2022:**

Annie Houston presented the Monthly Meeting Champions with their prizes.



**Paige Sinclair**



**Malcolm Ide**



**Peter Gough**



**Helen Seiver**



**Frank Pappalardo**



**Silesa King**



**Dick Cooper**



**Bruce Hall**



**Bob Southwell being awarded the OSNSW Meritorious Service Award**

Full details of the above awards appear on page 4 of this newsletter.

#### **4. CHOS PRIZE WINNERS OF MONTHLY COMPETITION AWARDS, 2022**

These are awards given for the Monthly Orchid Competition conducted at each monthly meeting. In 2021, due to Covid restrictions, we only held two full benching's at the beginning and one at the end of the year. We have included these results in the 2022 competition. There are 41 Classes plus Popular Vote each month. In order to come first in a Class you need a minimum of six points in that Class.

The 2022 winners were:

**PAIGE SINCLAIR:** Cymbidium over 90mm

Laeliinae under 60mm

Laeliinae 60 – 100mm

Oncidium under 25mm (Equal 1<sup>st</sup>)

**MALCOLM IDE:** Cymbidium 60-90mm

Cymbidium under 60mm

Laeliinae Cluster

Laeliinae Species

Paph Exhibition

Paph Non-Exhibition

AOV Species Non-Native

AOV Hybrid 50mm and under

AOV Species 50mm and under

**HELEN SEIVER:** Laeliinae under 60mm

Laeliinae Non-Exhibition

**PETER GOUGH:** Paph Species

**CAROLE DAVIS:** Oncidium over 65mm (Equal 1<sup>st</sup>)

Oncidium 25 – 65mm

**FRANK PAPPALARDO:** Oncidium over 65mm (Equal 1<sup>st</sup>)

**SILESA KING:** Oncidium under 25mm (Equal 1<sup>st</sup>)

**PHIL PAYNE:** Vanda over 60mm

**BRUCE HALL:** Vanda under 60mm

AOV Hybrid over 50mm (Equal 1<sup>st</sup>)

**JOHN SIDEBOTTOM:** AOV Hybrid over 50mm (Equal 1<sup>st</sup>)

**DICK COOPER:** Dendrobium Hardcane

Dendrobium AOV

Australian Native Hybrids Inc. Dens

Australian Native Species Inc. Dens.

**POPULAR VOTE:** No Prize but points score counts towards the yearly total – Most times awarded - MALCOLM IDE

**GLAD FLEMING TROPHY FOR 2022:** MALCOLM IDE (165 Points)

JUDGES FOR FEB 2ND  
MONTHLY MEETING

DICK COOPER

CARMEN PEARCE

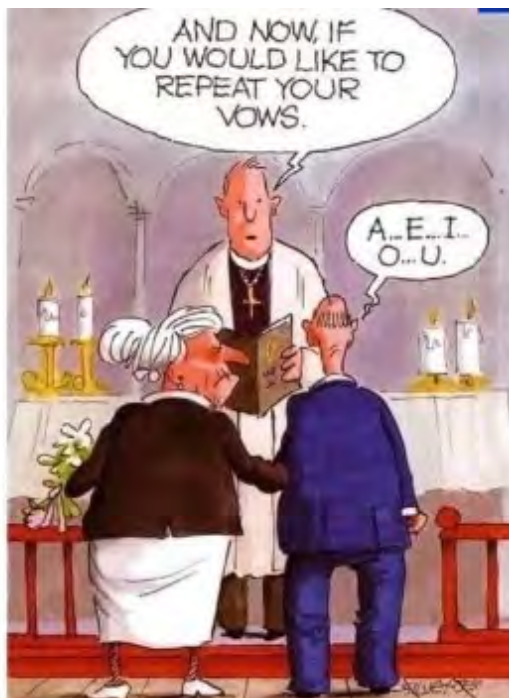
## 5. JOKES:

- ◆ "The only mystery in life is why the kamikaze pilots wore helmets." –*Al McGuire*
- ◆ "The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits." –*Albert Einstein*
- ◆ "War is God's way of teaching Americans geography." – *Ambrose Bierce*
- ◆ "It would be nice to spend billions on schools and roads, but right now that money is desperately needed for political ads." – *Andy Borowitz*
- ◆ "At every party there are two kinds of people – those who want to go home and those who don't. The trouble is, they are usually married to each other." – *Ann Landers*
- ◆ "My opinions may have changed, but not the fact that I'm right." – *Ashleigh Brilliant*
- ◆ "The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that it has never tried to contact us." –*Bill Watterson*
- ◆ "As a child my family's menu consisted of two choices, take it or leave it." – *Buddy Hackett*
- ◆ "My favourite machine at the gym is the vending machine." – *Caroline Rhea*

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### Bon-bon Jokes (or Dad Jokes):

- Why did the golfer wear two pairs of trousers? **In case he got a hole in one.**
- How do bubbles communicate? **By mobile foam.**
- Where would you find a reindeer with no legs? **Right where you left him.**
- Harry the flea: "Shall we walk home?" **Alan the flea: "No lets catch a dog!"**
- Why are ghosts so bad at lying? **You can see right through them.**
- What do you call a penguin in the desert? **Lost.**
- What should you do if you see a spaceman? **Park in it, man.**



**DON'T FORGET YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE AND MUST BE PAID BY THE START OF FEBRUARY, 2023. PAY BY DIRECT DEPOSIT THIS WEEK. SEE PAGE 2 FOR BANK DETAILS. IF YOU VALUE YOUR MEMBERSHIP THEN PLEASE PAY ASAP.**

## 6. BUNNINGS BBQ FUND RAISER ON 20TH DEC 2022



**Sausage Specialist Frank Pappalardo**



**David Ney in action at Bunnings**



**Leonie Everitt as part of the CHOS Team at Bunnings**



**Helen Seiver and Bill Bright get ready for the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle**

**Thanks to all who took part and made the Bunnings BBQ a great financial success. Please mark in your calendar that the next BBQ will be on Saturday 3rd June, 2023**

**Life is all about balance. You don't always need to be getting stuff done. Sometimes it's perfectly okay, and absolutely necessary, to shut down, kick back, and do nothing.**

**-Lori Deschene**

**INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES JOURNAL**



## 7. POPULAR VOTE AT THE DECEMBER AWARDS DINNER

1st Place: Helen Seiver—*Cattleya* Deception Dots

2nd Place: Malcolm Ide— *Dendrobium* Tangerine Triumph

3rd Place: Peter Gough - *Vanda* Roberts Delight 'Blue'

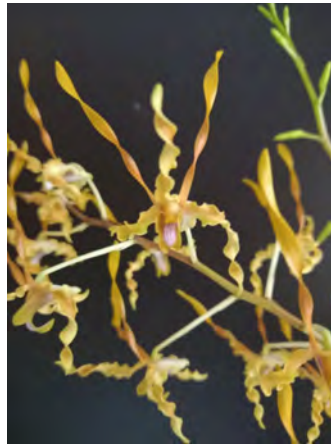
Awards presented by Paige Sinclair.



Helen Seiver—1st Place



Malcolm Ide—2nd



Peter Gough—3rd Place



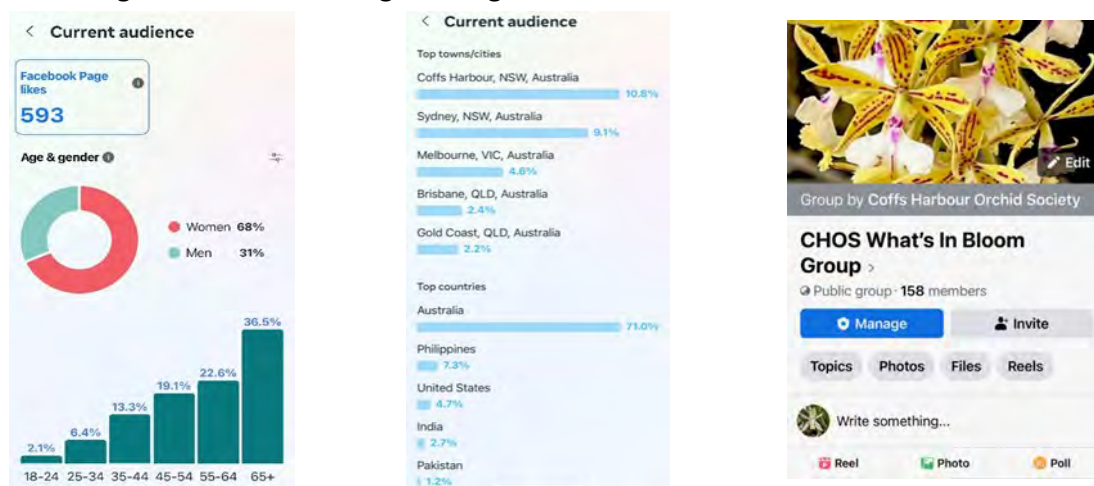
## 8. BARK SUPPLIES FROM CHOS FOR THE CURRENT POTTING SEASON:

The Society stocks 35 litre bags of NZ Orchiata Bark selling at \$27 each. There are two main sizes –9 to 12mm and 12 to 18mm. Some Super Grade is also available.

**Remember if you desire quality plants then always use quality potting mix.**

## 9. Coffs Harbour Orchid Society Facebook: By Paige Sinclair

January 2022 – Currently, the Coffs Harbour Orchid Society has 593 likes. This is up by 91 people from November. The images below show a range of insights.



## 10. SPONSORS SPOT:

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They have a regular stall at the Bellingen market every 3rd Saturday of the month with a varied selection each month. Orders can also be picked up there or can be picked up in Coffs by prior arrangement.

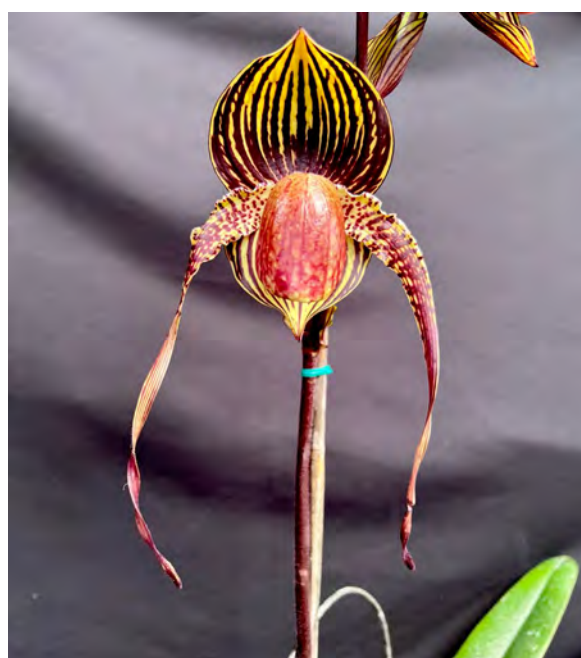
Due to an extremely difficult road the nursery is generally not open to the public.

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**SUPPORT THEM AS THEY SUPPORT US**

## 11. SECOND AWARD OF MERIT GRANTED TO MID NORTH COAST PLANT:

Another Multi-flowered Paph was recently awarded an Award of Merit (AM) from the OSNSW and the AOC. This magnificent specimen was also grown by Woolgoolga District Orchid Society member Peter Furniss. Congratulations Peter on gaining a second award in a short time.



**Paph. Johanna Burkhardt 'Mary Helen'**



## 12. BITS AND PIECES:

1. **February Meeting:** Thursday, 2nd February, starting at 7.30pm at the Coffs Botanic Gardens. Topic is “Back To Basics—Pots, Potting Mixes and Repotting”. We would encourage all our newer members to attend and learn the basics of potting orchids, what is available for your use and some potting mix recipes that work. It will also act as refresher for more experienced members and they will be able to contribute during the evening.
2. **March Meeting:** Thursday 2nd March from 7.30pm. Topic is “Repotting Stanhopeas”. Bruce Hall will take us through the process of repotting Stanhopeas after they have flowered. Most growers have an Upside Down Orchid or two and would likely benefit from hearing Bruce’s tips on how to care for this orchid group.
3. **Plant Growing Competition:** February marks the end of the 2022 Growing Comp. Bring along your *Epidendrum* for its final judging at the February meeting. Final points will be allocated at the Feb meeting and prizes presented to the winners and runner-ups at the March meeting.
4. **New Plant Growing Competition for 2023:** The plant for this year’s Growing Competition is *Vanda falcata* or Japanese Wind Orchid. Forty plants have been ordered and are expected to arrive towards the end of January. All of these plants have almost identical genetics and are a similar size. However, in order to account for any small variations with each plant, an allocation draw will be held during the February Meeting. Each of these plants will be numbered and each member who has paid for a plant will draw a number and this will be matched to the plant with that number. This ensures the allocation process is a fair one. Thirty six plants have been sold and so four plants remain. If you would like to order a plant then please let Bob Southwell or Paige Sinclair know as soon as possible. Only one plant per member and only forty plants are available. Each plant will have a Growing Guide attached. The first judging of this plant will take place during the March meeting.



5. Membership fees were due at the start of November and must be paid during February, 2023. Adults are \$10 per year and Family Membership is \$15 per year, Juniors are \$5 per year. The Society will accept cash payment, payment by cheque or credit card or by direct deposit into the CHOS bank account (Bank details on page 2 of this newsletter). Please pay by February so you don’t miss out on any member benefits.

### **13. ENVY—ANTI-TRANSPIRANT AND PLANT PROTECTOR**

Many members of the CHOS have used the product Envy as an anti-transpirant when they are deflasking seedlings and spray the seedlings with Envy to slow down water loss from the young leaves. After recent discussion with some experienced growers, I realised that many growers use the product on their fully grown orchids for other purposes, especially to slow down water loss in hot periods or to prevent sunburn. It seems that growers in cooler climates use the product to prevent damage from cold or frosts. It would be useful if we talked to more experienced growers about how they use this product and what results they have achieved.

Envy is sold by the company AgroBest and their website [[agrobest.com.au](http://agrobest.com.au)] provides the following information about the product.

Envy is a frost protector and anti-transpirant, which can substantially reduce moisture losses by up to 50%, eliminate sun and windburn damage as well as increase frost tolerance by an additional 4 Degrees.

Envy will not impede plant growth or photosynthesis, is non-toxic, pH neutral and will biodegrade in sunlight.

#### **ENVY PROTECTS PLANTS FROM:**

- Excessive moisture loss
- Frost stress
- Guards against Sunburn
- Salt spray & Windburn
- Wilting in hot dry conditions
- Transplanting losses



#### **How Does it Work?**

When Envy is applied to a plant, it adheres and forms an invisible semi-permeable membrane over the leaf surface. Even in non-freezing conditions, the Envy bio-shield helps protect plants from environmental-related stresses. The membrane permits the plant to “breathe”. As a result it allows oxygen, carbon dioxide, and ethylene gas to pass and at the same time effectively slows down the loss of water and water vapour through transpiration from the leaf surfaces.

By spraying Envy to achieve complete coverage of the plant (on both sides of leaves) the amount of moisture lost through transpiration is reduced by as much as 50%.

Frost Protection: It has been demonstrated that this reduction of moisture loss is directly related to the prevention of winterkill. Research has shown that a plant with full turgidity ( ie. filled with water) can survive periods of below-freezing temperatures very well.

Freeze damage to a plant occurs when ice crystals form around various bacteria present on all types of foliage. This causes the ice nucleation that initiates the freeze damage. When Envy has hardened on the plant it shields the leaf surface by forming a physical barrier to ice-nucleating bacteria. The polymer membrane that is formed by the hardening of the water-based polymer adheres to the plant as an invisible semi-permeable membrane providing anti-transpirant and frost-protecting properties. This protection includes abiotic “stress” factors (supporting the resistance against cold and drought and protecting against toxic cell damage). Envy does not clog the leaf stomata, nor does it retard growth or cause phytotoxicity. Plant photosynthesis is kept at a maximum and oxygen/carbon dioxide exchange is not affected. Envy is water-based, not solvent-based, and will not cause chemical injury to plants even at twice the recommended rate.