



COFFS ORCHID NEWS JUNE 2025 PUBLICATION OF THE COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

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Another very successful Autumn Orchid Show was recently held at the Coffs Harbour Botanic Gardens. 163 orchids were benched but the crowd attendance was slightly down on previous years and that may have been because of the holiday weekend and the inclement weather during the Show period. This June edition of the newsletter features the highlights of this years Autumn Show.

An increase in the number of benched plants compared to previous Autumn Shows provided a colourful display which was much appreciated by those who attended the event.

The Grand Champion trophy and ribbon were sponsored by Rosella Orchids from South Grafton. This was awarded to Rhonda Smith for a magnificent hard cane, *Dendrobium* Bubble Gum. The Reserve Champion, *Dendrobium* James Dick X Den. Kristen Ann 'Royal Velvet' was exhibited by Dick and Barbara Cooper. Rhonda Smith was also awarded the prize for Champion Specimen of the Show with an outstanding *Bulbophyllum* Vindobona. Congratulations to Rhonda, Dick and Barbara for their outstanding successes.

Popular Vote was selected by those who visited the Show and this year it went to Rhonda Smith's *Oncidium sotoanum*. Congratulations to Rhonda.



We thank the Judges for their expertise and commitment to carrying out this important task. Thank you also to the North Coast Regional Botanic Gardens for the use of their venue and for their cooperation in running this year's Show.



Congratulations to all who benched plants and we especially recognise members of CHOS for their outstanding efforts in making this event such a success. The staging of each Show requires a considerable amount of work, dedication and cooperation between members. Thank you to everyone for their assistance and enthusiasm. Well done!

STOP PRESS: The Committee has locked in the date for the CHOS annual visit to Rosella Orchid Nursery at South Grafton. This has been confirmed as Thursday 30th October. Always a great experience to visit this premium nursery and obtain quality plants and be able to select from a wide range of orchid accessories.

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BRUCE HALL

Bruce provides raffle prizes for Autumn and Spring Shows.

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ROSELLA ORCHIDS

Spring and Autumn Show Sponsor: Located in South Grafton and can supply a wide range of orchids but specialises in Cattleya and Vanda genera. They also stock a large range of hardware and accessories for orchid growers. Nursery is closed to the general public except by appointment.

CALENDAR, 2025

5 June— Orchid Culture :
 Malcolm Ide/Peter Gough/Bob Southwell
 + Member Plant Sales

3 July—Bulbophyllums
 —Hans Schaible

7 August—Deflasking
 - Paige Sinclair and Peter Gough

4 Sept—Tricks and Tips
 True or False

13—14 Sept—Spring Show

1-5 Oct AOC Conference
 Woolgoolga

16 Oct—Plant Auction

30 Oct—Visit to Rosella
 Orchids, South Grafton

6 Nov—AGM/SOS My Orchid

6 Dec—Awards Presentation
 and Luncheon

5 Feb—NEUTROG as Guest
 Speaker

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

**CHOS BANK DETAILS**

BSB No: 533-000

ACCOUNT No: 32817199

CHOS COMMITTEE REPORT

The following is a summary from the CHOS April Committee Meeting conducted on 6th May 2025 at “The Workshop”.

- ♦ Meeting commenced at 10.30am. Apology from Peter Gough. All other Committee Members were present.
- ♦ Review of May General Meeting— Meeting ran quickly and smoothly. Presentation from Bruce Hall on Terete Oncidiums was well received.
- ♦ Autumn Show went very well . Reasonable attendance from the general public but down in numbers on previous years perhaps due to inclement weather. Congratulations to all who benched plants as it was a magnificent show of outstanding orchids. Plant sales went well and the attendance of a Coffee Cart was appreciated by Show patrons. Financially, the Show made a pleasing profit.
- ♦ Display Team for the AOC Conference - Committee was disappointed at the response to a call for members to assist in the design and construction of an orchid display at Woolgoolga Show in October this year. Paige Sinclair to call a team meeting towards the end of May.
- ♦ Bunnings BBQ fund raiser is set down for Saturday 12th July. A roster will be circulated at the June meeting. Funds raised to be used for material, etc, for the AOC Show Display.
- ♦ CHOS tables in the storage shed have been marked with CHOS name so they can be easily identified. Thanks to Peter Gosling for his hard work in completing this project.
- ♦ New Members: Usha Kambla and Sarah-Jean Klazema. Welcome Usha and Sarah.
- ♦ Review of Advisors Program: Paige Sinclair to contact all of the existing Advisors to confirm that they are happy to continue in this role. She will also ask some of the Advisors to take part in a short talk on specific orchid genera at a monthly meeting (A short session during each meeting with a different Genus or Alliance each month). A roster will be set up for these Advisors talks.
- ♦ New Show Ribbons ; New design/size to be considered and ordered for this years Spring Show.
- ♦ The Dahlia Society has approached CHOS to hire our show equipment and set-up/pull down the Display Room at the Botanic Gardens for a Dahlia Show in 2026. Negotiations are continuing.
- ♦ Christmas-in-July gift to be given to CHOS members who regularly attend monthly meetings (six meetings in 2024).
- ♦ Rosella Nursery visit— To book a visit for the last Friday in October, 2025.
- ♦ New Bark Supplier—Ray Clement is looking into possible new sources of potting bark.
- ♦ Speakers Schedule for 2026— Paige and Bob to put this schedule together in the near future. The Committee brainstormed various options for next year.
- ♦ Next Committee Meeting will be held at ‘The Workshop’ on Tuesday 10th June 2025 at 10.30am.

AUTUMN SHOW RAFFLE RESULTS

Thanks to all to all those who purchased tickets in this years Show Raffle. First Prize went to Kim Winders with ticket Green A55 while second prize was won by Belinda with ticket Blue D41.

Thanks to Bruce Hall for his continued sponsorship of each years Show Raffle. Bruce’s contribution is much appreciated.



**Popular Vote at the CHOS
May Meeting was
awarded to Helen Seiver
for her awesome
Cattleya Patrician

Congratulations!**



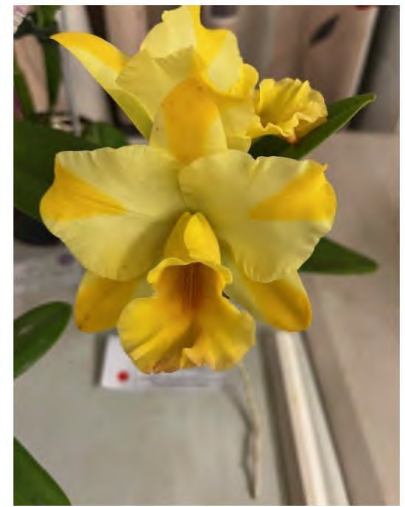
ORCHIDS BENCHED AT THE CHOS MAY MEETING



**Lc. Love Call 'Fantasy' was
benched by Sue Flanders.
Well done!**



**This excellent *Cattleya* Caudebec
'SC' X *Cattleya* Ray Finley was
benched by Paige Sinclair**



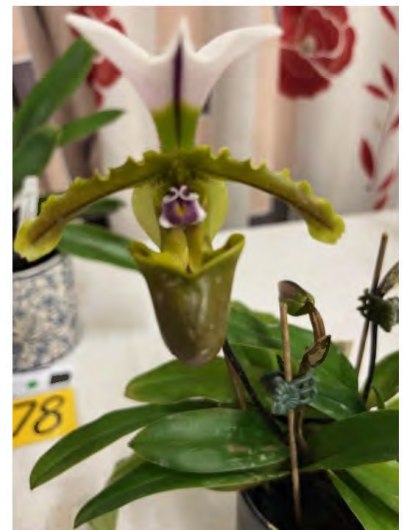
**Carole Davis has grown and
benched this nice
Cattleya Nell Hammer.**



**This *Vanda* Roberts Delight 'Blue'
was grown and benched by
Peter Gough**



**Matt Connell benched this
Cattlianthe Paradise Mel.
Well done!**



***Peter Gough's very nice
Paph. spicerianum***

PRESENTATIONS AT THE CHOS MAY MEETING



Mal Ide received his engraved shield from President Paige Sinclair



Paige Sinclair presented Rhonda Smith with her engraved trophy

The best seven doctors:

- 1: Sunshine
- 2: Air
- 3: Exercise
- 4: Water
- 5: Diet
- 6: Rest
- 7: Laughter



A big thank you to those members of Coffs Harbour Orchid Society who benched plants at the recent Nambucca Valley Orchid Society Autumn Show. We really appreciate it and your beautiful orchids were admired by many.

Congratulations to Malcolm Ide who won Grand Champion with his beautiful orchid – *Den. pureum* var. *alba* and to all other prize winners. NVOS.



BITS AND PIECES

- Kiwi Potting Bark is available from Paige Sinclair at \$50 per 50L bag. Limited supplies available so get in contact with Paige if you need bark today —Grade 3 being the most popular type. No more supplies expected until October.
- CHOS **JUNE Monthly Meeting** will be held on Thursday 5th June starting at 7.00pm. There will be three speakers talking on various aspects of Orchid Culture— Malcolm Ide, Peter Gough and Bob Southwell.



Bring your Tolumnia Hybrid for it's next judging in this years Growing Competition.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would bring a contribution for members supper.

Judges for this meeting: ANNIE HOUSTON and SILESA KING

Assistance from members to clean up after the meeting would be greatly appreciated

- **AOC 2025 CONFERENCE HOSTED BY WDOS** will be held on 1st—5th October 2025. Full Show Schedule is now on the website plus Registration Forms. Check out www.aoc2005.org.au . Registration for the Conference Dinner is now open.
- Dates to put on your calendar
 - # **Mingara Orchid Show and Fair:** 28—29th June—opens 9am.
 - # **Nambucca Valley Orchid Society Spring Show**—4th—6th September. Benching on afternoon of Wed 3rd Sept (2pm to 6pm).
 - # **Coffs Harbour OS Spring Show**— 13th—14th September. (Set-up /Benching on 12th Sept).
- Further information on the article from last months newsletter on growing new orchid plants from a leaf : Always works better if you dip the freshly cut end of the leaf in hormone gel or powder. Works well with Monopodial Orchids such as Phalaenopsis and Vandaceous type. Limited success reported when tried with Sympodial Orchids (those with a pseudobulb).
- An analysis of Autumn Orchid Shows over the past seven years reveals that the number of growers contributing to the Show has decreased from 27 in 2018 to only 13 members in 2025. How do we account for this decrease when the overall Society membership has doubled during the same period? Are newer or less experienced members intimidated by the quality orchids of the more experienced growers? Perhaps the new computer entry system has proved daunting to some members and so they have decided the entry process is too complicated for them to navigate. Whatever the reason, it is a pity that this is the trend and an all out effort should be made to encourage all members to enter plants in both the monthly meeting competition and the two annual Shows held by CHOS. If you find the computer entry system is difficult then we have developed an alternative hand written method that you will find helpful. Talk to Paige before the next Show. Suggestions and feedback from members would be appreciated.



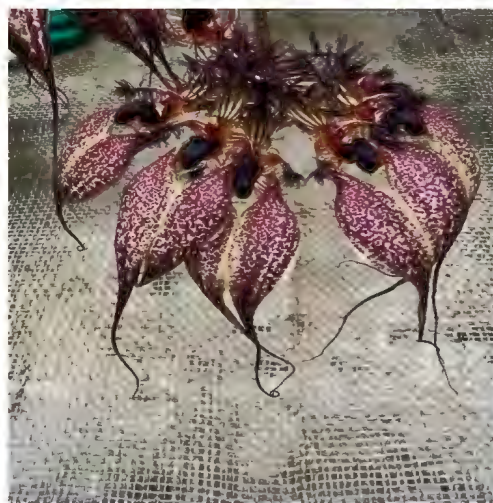
CHOS President, Paige Sinclair, presents Carole Davis with a Life Membership Certificate. Congratulations, Carole!

CHOS 2025 AUTUMN SHOW RESULTS IN PICTURES



Rhonda Smith benched the Grand Champion with this amazing *Dendrobium* Bubble Gum

Rhonda also owned the Champion Species and Specimen of the show with this magnificent *Bulbophyllum* Vindobona Congratulations!



Paige Sinclair presents Rhonda with her Champion Ribbons



MORE AUTUMN SHOW RESULTS IN PICTURES



**CHOS President Paige Sinclair presents
Barbara and Dick Cooper with the
Reserve Champion Ribbon for an
amazing hard cane
Dendrobium James Dick X Kristen Ann
'Royal Velvet'
Congratulations!**

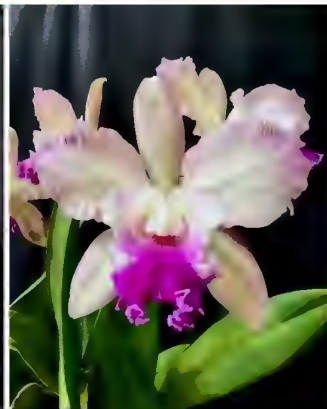


**Champion Oncidium was
grown and benched by Rhonda
Smith. *Rydbergara* Mary Eliza.
(Was *Howeara*)**

**Rhonda Smith took out the
Champion Paph. with her
Phrag. Perseus 'High Clare'**

**Champion Vandaceous winner was
benched by Bruce Hall.
Vanda Miami Greeting X *Vanda*
*sanderiana***





The champion Laeliinae Hybrid was benched by Mal
Ide — *Rlc. Roy Maidment* x *Cattleya Caudebec*

Malcolm Ide also grew the Best Species of the Autumn
Show—*Epidendrum porpax*. Congratulations!



Malcolm Ide receives his Champion
Section Ribbon from Paige Sinclair
for best Laeliinae Hybrid of the
Show. Well done, Mal!

Paige Sinclair presents Rhonda
Smith with a ribbon for benching
the Champion Paph orchid.
Congratulations Rhonda!

Barbara and Dick Cooper present
Malcolm Ide with the Edward Pearce
Memorial Shield for Best Species in the
Show

CHOS 2025 AUTUMN SHOW RESULTS

SECTION WINNER		NAME	PLANT NAME
A: CYMBIDIUM HYBRID			
B: LAELIINAE ALLIANCE HYBRID		Malcolm Ide	Rlc Roy Maidment x Cattleya Caudebec
C: PHALAENOPSIS HYBRID			
D: VANDACEOUS HYBRID		Bruce Hall	Vanda. Miami Greeting x Vanda Sanderiana.
E: PAPHIOPEDILUM & ALLIED GENERA HYBRID		Rhonda Smith	Phrag. Perseus 'High Clare'
F: DENDROBIUM HYBRID NOT NATIVE	Grand Champion	Rhonda Smith	Den. Bubble Gum
G: ONCIDIINAE ALLIANCE HYBRID		Rhonda Smith	Rydbergara Mary Eliza
H: AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID		R & B Cooper	Dendrobium Warringah 'Purple Haze' FCC/AOC
I: ANY OTHER VARIETY HYBRID	Champion Specimen/Steve Clemesia Trophy	Rhonda Smith	Bulb. Vindobona
J: SPECIES	Edward Pearce Trophy	Malcolm Ide	Epidendrum porpax
RESERVE CHAMPION	Reserve Champion	R & B Cooper	Dendrobium James Dick x Kristen Ann 'Royal Velvet'
First Flowering Species		Rhonda Smith	Gomesa forbesii x same 'Bill B'
Coffs Harbour Novice		David Rudgley	C. Barbara Kirch

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- 6 Hours drive from Sydney
- 30 minutes drive north from Coffs Harbour Airport

Woolgoolga is a picturesque coastal town on the Coffs Coast of NSW. 2-hours drive south on the M1 from Queensland's Gold Coast airport and 30 minutes drive north from the Coffs Harbour international airport.

We have a mild sub-tropical climate which is ideal for growing 90% of cultivated genera in a simple shade-house with little or no artificial heat.

The district extends from the tablelands of the Great Dividing Range (over 900 metres from Dorrigo), down to the Pacific Ocean and Solitary Islands Marine Park.

As a consequence of the altitude variation, well over 250 Native Orchid species have been recorded growing naturally here.

These magnificent orchids have been captured in full bloom by none other than our Orchid Society President, Nev Anderson. 200 of these superb orchids will be emblazoned across one wall of our magnificent venue for all to admire.

We are delighted this prestigious triennial event is being hosted in a regional centre.

Our Society looks forward to bringing the global orchid world together to participate; embrace competition; foster goodwill and camaraderie.

THE PROGRAM

Wednesday 1: Show Set-up - 9.00am to 4.00pm
Thursday 2: Judging - 9.00am to 5.00pm
Fri. Sat. Sun: Show open to public 9am - 2.40pm
Fri. 3: Conference - 10.00am - 3.40pm
Sat. 4: Conference - 10.00am - 2.40pm
Saturday 4: Conference Dinner - 6.00pm
Sunday 5: 2pm Awards; 3pm Close & pull down

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Mountains
to the Sea

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**Reminder that
the Early Bird
cut off is 1st
July 2025**

Woolgoolga District Orchid Society



2025 AOC
International Conference & Show

You're Invited
to share
the joys of the Orchid World
in beautiful Woolgoolga
Wednesday, October 1 - Sunday, October 5, 2025



Woolgoolga Sports Complex
Solitary Islands Way, Woolgoolga
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The AOC Conference and Show Includes . . .

1. Orchid display exhibits
2. Individual Orchid entries
3. Educational exhibits - 2 special interactive displays:
An Indian Orchid Display celebrating Woolgoolga's strong Indian heritage . . . and
An indigenous display introducing some of the local bush tucker plants.
4. Exhibits and individual entries judged by Accredited Judges from throughout Australia
5. Scientific lecture program featuring content from the botanical, horticultural and conservation advances in the field of orchidology.

The Lecture Program . . .

An interesting and informative lecture program brings together those who are considering venturing into the wonderful world of orchid growing.

This triennial event is the celebration of orchid culture, science, recent practices and trends in orchid development, biotechnology, and conservation.

The two-day lecture program will be presented by 4 distinguished international orchid experts and 5 Australia-wide world renowned experts.

Dr. Fred Clarke, an Accredited Judge in the South Pacific Judging region, a passionate orchid grower dedicated to developing orchid hybrids and producing select species for the orchid enthusiast. Fred, whose curiosity knows no bounds and whose knowledge is broad and varied, is renowned for his stimulating and entertaining presentations. His sustaining interest has been in developing Cattleya hybrids and is actively creating new Paphiopedilum, Australian Dendrobium, and Zygopetalum hybrids.

In fact, his pioneering work in Cattleya intergeneric hybrids led to the development of multi-award winning Fredclarkiana After Dark, "the blackest flower ever seen".



WIN! BIG PRIZES
Table Top Displays
Floor Displays

Here's an opportunity for you, or your Society to set up a wonderful display of your favourite orchids and perhaps win a 'big prize'.

Whether it's Paphiopedilums or other genera which ties in with our two international speakers, or other genera that takes your fancy.

Create a 4 metre x 4 metre, or 3 metre x 2 metre display, a tabletop or floor display, the choice is yours and is only limited by your imagination.

To help defray the cost of creating such a display, the Woolgoolga District Orchid Society is happy to compensate for some travel expenses.



The Lecture Program Cont'd . . .

We are so lucky to attract Wenjing Pernier, proficient in four languages, who has tirelessly dedicated her life to the conservation of Chinese orchid species. Wenjing is a respected grower, international lecturer, botanical tour guide and environmental educator. A passionate conservationist.

In 2005, Wenjing and her late husband, Dr. Holger Pernier, a world-renowned German botanist and orchid specialist, established Hengshan Mountain Biotechnology in Wenjing's homeland of Sichuan, China.

Furthermore, we have another international expert who will also be speaking about the uniquely showy slipper orchids - Paphiopedilums. Chu Xuan Canh of Vietnam specialises in growing and propagating this genus.

Another international speaker is Xenara Portillo of Ecuador. Through a life and career devoted to tourism and conservation, Xenara is well attuned to the beautiful landscapes, biodiversity, and culture of Ecuador including Ecuadorian orchids, their conservation through the efforts of Ecuador's Cus Lido.

Xenara, having gained her Master's Degree in International Tourism Management, while working as a University Professor, wrote an article "Orchids as a Tourist Attraction in Ecuador" which was presented at the Cuban Congress of Local Development in 2019.

Additional speakers are Scott Baerle of Barritia Orchids specialising in breeding Oncidium, Cymbidium, and Zygopetalum. Scott has also achieved significant advancements in refining Saccolabium.

Chris Gobb of Northern Queensland's subject is Tropical Dendrobium and their hybrids, particularly in the Cape York region.

Dr. Ashley Field, University of Queensland, will be speaking exclusively on *Phalaenopsis rooseae*, its distribution and the climatic conditions of these wonderful plants growing in situ in the rainforests of northern Queensland.

David Bartle a leading expert on native Australian orchids (especially *Dendrobium*) and rare and unusual orchids. David, a world renowned author and traveller, is an expert photographer, with a friendly personality and in-depth knowledge making him a favorite among orchidists everywhere.

Conference Dinner Speaker, Michael Coler is a Principal with the Law firm Piper Alderman, President (OSCOV) Orchid Societies Council of Victoria; President North-East Melbourne Orchid Society; Associate to the Directors of the Australian Orchid Foundation and is an experienced speaker and passionate orchid grower.