



# COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

PO BOX 801, COFFS HARBOUR, NSW, 2450. E-mail [coffsos@gmail.com](mailto:coffsos@gmail.com)

[www.coffsorchidsociety.org.au](http://www.coffsorchidsociety.org.au)

## COFFS ORCHID NEWS – DEC 2015

### 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.

<u>PRESIDENT:</u>	ED PEARCE	6650 9578, 0418 51908
<u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>	CAROLE DAVIS	6658 1354
	STEVE CLEMESHA	6656 1937
<u>SECRETARY:</u>	BRONWEN FOX	0448 583030
<u>TREASURER:</u>	BRUCE HALL	6658 9891
<u>EDITOR:</u>	ED PEARCE	6650 9578

### SPONSORS

#### **BCU – BANANACOAST COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION.**

Serving local communities. For all your financial needs – Home and business loans, credit cards, personal loans, savings accounts, term deposits, insurance, internet and phone banking, and loyalty rebates. 69 Park Beach Road. 6651 4404. [www.bcu.com.au](http://www.bcu.com.au)

#### **MANGROVE JACKS on the Promenade**

Breakfast and lunch 7 days, and dinner Tues to Sat. A lovely, peaceful setting by Coffs Creek for coffee or a meal. 6652 5517. [www.mangrovejackscafe.com.au](http://www.mangrovejackscafe.com.au)

#### **LUDO'S OLD WARES**

Buying and selling antiques, old wares and collectibles. Deceased estates. 2/26 Industrial Drive, Coffs Harbour South. 6651 5514.

#### **EASY ORCHIDS**

Easy Orchids carries a wide variety of orchids and flasks, and orchid growing supplies – coconut, pots, etc. They provide quick delivery of orders. 6682 2635 or [www.easyorchids.com](http://www.easyorchids.com)

#### **COFFS COAST MOTORS**

For Mazda and Honda vehicles, also second hand vehicles, and ALL your servicing needs. Do your shopping while your car is serviced. 6652 3122, 41 Grafton St., Coffs Harbour.

#### **COFFS HARBOUR PRODUCE**

Coffs Harbour Produce is at 26 June Street in Coffs. They carry a good range of fertilisers, insecticides and fungicides for orchids, as well as general garden needs. 6652 2599.

#### **CENTURY 21 FORESHORE 2 FARMS**

Quality service for all your real estate needs. Sales, Property Management, Holiday Management. 9 First Avenue, Sawtell 6653 1463 [www.century21.com.au/sawtell](http://www.century21.com.au/sawtell)

## INDEX

1. Calendar
2. December Meeting
3. Agenda for December general meeting
4. Minutes of November meeting
5. Minutes of 2015 AGM
6. Dates for 2016
7. Committee Meeting Report
8. Guest Speaker in November
9. Growing Sarcocylus

### **1. CALENDAR**

3 December Awards Meeting, Dinner  
4 February First meeting for 2016

### **2. DECEMBER MEETING**

The December meeting will be our Christmas breakup and awards meeting. We will have a general meeting with the awards, etc. starting at 6 pm, and then have a short break before we have our Christmas dinner.

Please come to the 6 pm meeting even if you are not staying for our dinner.

Please note that there will be no Secret Santa / Kris Kringle this year.

Members are asked to bring ONE plant to the meeting – there will be a popular vote

**PLEASE NOTE – MEETING STARTS at 6 O’CLOCK at MANGROVE JACKS.**



**A nice orchid in the Oncidium group**

### **3. AGENDA for DECEMBER MEETING**

Welcome, Apologies, Visitors.

Minutes of Nov meeting – as printed in newsletter

Business Arising

Committee Report – refer to report.

Inwards Correspondence

1. BCU Statements

Outwards Correspondence

Finance Report – in newsletter.

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.

Table talk?

Awards for Monthly competition. – based on points scored in the monthly display.

Glad Fleming Perpetual Trophy – awarded to the member who has the most points overall for 2014/5

General business – nil.

Raffle, popular vote.

### **4. MINUTES of NOVEMBER MEETING**

**Apologies:** K Cowling, H Siever, D Blay, B Forsythe, J Slaviero, C Davis,

**Visitors:** P Warburton, G Thompkin, Eleanor & Neil McDonald.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** as per Newsletter.  
Moved: John 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sue

**Committee Meeting:** as per Newsletter

**Correspondence:** Bills

**Finances:** In Newsletter. Moved: Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>: Betty

**Sponsors Spot:** Coffs Coast Motors

**Table Talk:** Ed spoke about Coelogyne growing in coconut chip. We were able to see flowering plants of Coelogyne mooreana and Coelogyne fragrans which are the parents of Coelogyne Edward Pearce which was also on display

**General Business:**

- Dinner at MJs subsidy of \$10 Meeting at 6 at MJs for normal Meeting then Dinner at 7. Members to bring along one plant per member. No secret Santa this year.
- Judging roster for 2016 meetings discussed and sheet passed around.
- **Popular Vote:** Dick Cooper for his beautiful Oncidium sphacelatum

**Raffle:** S Clemesha, R McKay, S R-King, P King.



**There are some nice Indian Dendrobiums in flower at this time of year**

**5. MINUTES of 2015 AGM**

**Apologies:** K Cowling, H Siever, D Blay, B Forsythe, J Slaviero, C Davis,

**Visitors:** P Warburton, G Thompkin, Eleanor and Neil

**Minutes of 2014 AGM:** as per Newsletter. Moved: John 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sue

**Presidents Report:** Thanked Committee, spoke about great shows,

**Finances AGM:** Copies of annual report available.

Attached to mins Moved: Bruce 2<sup>nd</sup>: Betty P

Annual fee to be \$10 and \$15 for couples: Moved Sue 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rose

**Election of Officers:**

President: E. Pearce

Vice President: S Clemesha/C Davis

Secretary: B Fox

Treasurer: B Hall

Committee: B Southwell, C Davis, S Williams, B Pearce

Returning Officer: R Cowling

Meeting closed: 7:35

**6. DATES for 2016**

Our meeting and show dates for 2016 have been confirmed with the Botanic Gardens

4 Feb  
3 Mar  
7 Apr  
29, 30 Apr, 1 May. Show  
5 May  
2 Jun  
30 Jun  
4 Aug  
1 Sep  
9, 10, 11 Sep Show  
13 Oct  
3 Nov  
1 Dec



**Phalaenopses make a nice and long lasting display, but they can be more difficult to grow.**

## **7. NOVEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING**

The first meeting of the new committee meeting was held on 10<sup>th</sup> November at Mangrove Jacks. We discussed

- Arrangements for Christmas dinner
- Future of BCU sponsorship – Ed to continue chasing BCU
- Will continue with judging roster for monthly meetings next year
- Next meeting 27<sup>th</sup> January



**A lovely orchid from the Laeliinae group, often referred to as Cattleyas.**

## **8. GUEST SPEAKER.**

Robert Hoiles - Office of Fair Trading.

- All counter activity in Coffs goes to NSW services in Gordon Street
- Handouts were passed around. Do not knock stickers are actually legally binding.
- Travelling con men brochure. These people are very clever at exploiting vulnerable people. Ask for license # and ring Fair Trading to get information. Ask for a written quote.
- Fair Trading can act on your behalf to assist in mediation.
- Scams: BE AWARE and IGNORE.
- Personal Identity Theft. The Internet has been a boom for scammers. Don't give out personal information.
- ACCC reported \$81.8m June 2015 \$49m

- Dating and Romance Scams \$50m and these are the ones reported.
- Investment schemes are getting more popular. BEWARE.
- Inheritance Scams still going on.
- 345 people lost \$5m in Nigerian Schemes.
- Racing and Sports Scams.
- Fair Trading has a Database of scammers and gets notice out to the public via media releases asap.
- Computer repairs. Don't allow remote access.

## **9. HOW to GROW SARCOCHILUS**

One in a Series of NEMOS Orchid Culture Notes. The genus *Sarcochilus* (pronounced Sar-co-kyle-us) occurs almost entirely within Australia. The most widely grown species (*Sarcochilus hartmannii*, *S. fitzgeraldii* and *S. ceciliae*) grow on rocks in New South Wales or Queensland. However all three of these species grow happily in pots in shade houses.

Another species (*S. falcatus*) is found growing mostly on tree trunks, and is best grown on mounts, such as pieces of tree branch. Many hybrids have been made in recent years using the above four species, and also some of the other *sarcochilus* species that are less amenable to cultivation. In many instances these hybrids show hybrid vigour and are even easier to grow than their parent species.



***Sarcochilus hartmannii***

### **POTTING**

*Sarcochilus* are best re-potted during their most active growing season, which commences in March and continues into early winter, when the plants rest until they flower, mostly in mid-to late spring.



Sarcochilus ceciliae and some of its hybrids flower a little later, usually during summer.

Most sarcochilus species and their hybrids are best potted in a mixture of pine bark (5-10 mm diameter) and river pebbles of similar size. Approximately two parts of bark to one of pebbles gives good results. Well-drained plastic 'squat' pots are ideal. Sarcochilus ceciliae (and to a lesser extent its hybrids) should be placed high in the pot. This species seems to do best if its roots are allowed to wander over the surface of the mix rather than penetrating the mix.

#### **LIGHT, TEMPERATURE AND AIR MOVEMENT**

Sarcochilus orchids enjoy breezy, shaded, humid conditions and do better lower down in a shade house or fernery than do other orchids, such as Australian native dendrobiums.

#### **WATERING**

These orchids require plenty of water when in active growth but during winter, when growth ceases, watering once each week is ample.

#### **FERTILISING**

Regular applications of liquid fertilisers at no more than half the concentration recommended by the manufacturer stimulate growth during summer and autumn. Fertilisers should be used less often during spring and not at all in winter.



**This is an example of some of the colours we are now seeing in Sarcochilus hybrids.**

#### **FLOWERING**

Care should be taken not to wet the flowers when watering, especially in dull, windless weather. Sarcochilus flowers tend to spot very readily due to the growth of Botrytis (Grey Mould), which is most prevalent in damp conditions.

#### **NEMOS**



**Here is one of the red Sarcochilus produced by breeding.**

Member Name	Laelinae Novelty Hybrid spotted flower non exhibition	Novelty Paph & allied Hybrids	Oncidiinae Hybrids between 25 to 65 mm	Oncidiinae Hybrids over 65mm	Tolumnia (equitant Oncidiums)	Oncidiinae & Allied Species	Vandaceous Hybrid under 60mm	Vandaceous Hybrid over 60mm	Phalaenopsis Hybrid Under 60 mm
Class	8	11	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
BAKER					2				5
D COOPER						3			
DENISON			2						
B HALL	5				3				
P & P KING		3				2			
B NEWMAN								3	
E PEARCE		2							
SOUTHWELL				3			3		
WONG			3	2					

Member Name	Phalaenopsis Hybrid over 60 mm	Dendrobium Nobile (softcane) Hybrid	A.O.V Species Non Native	Australian Native species inc Dendrobium	Australian Native monopodial species	AOV Hybrid under 50mm	AOV species under 50mm	AOV species over 50mm
Class	21	22	25	27	29	30	32	33
BAKER					3		3	
CLEMESHA			3					
B HALL				3			2	
KING								
P & P KING		3						5
E PEARCE						3		
SIDEBOTTOM		2						
SOUTHWELL	5							

**COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY (CHOS)**

**TRADING STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF 1st November 2015 to 23 November 2015**

**DATE OF THIS STATEMENT 23/11/2015.**

Receipt		<u>INCOME</u>	<u>(EXPEND</u>	
00/1	Memberships	\$ 15.00		
00/2	Raffle	\$83.00	\$210.00	Raffle plants Easy Orch.
00/3	Hall hire		\$140.00	S/Show,two meet. Nights
00/7	Newsletter		\$40.00	Xerox, Dec. issue.
00/8	Exec. Expenditure		\$18.00	Xerox print AGM papers
02/1	Bank Interest	\$18.15		T/Deposit
06/1	Sponsorship	\$100.00		From Easy Orchids
	<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>	<b><u>\$216.15</u></b>	<b><u>\$408.00</u></b>	

**DEBIT/CREDIT TOTAL FOR THE PERIOD** -\$191.85

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

Opening Bank Balance 1/11/2015	<u>\$6,435.08</u>
Rec for above period	\$216.15
S/T	<u>\$6,651.23</u>
<b>DEDUCT</b> Exp for above period	<u>\$408.00</u>
Pre. u/presented cheques	\$0.00
S/T	<u>\$408.00</u>
	\$6,243.23

**Balance of income and expenditure** **\$6,243.23** Refer BCU Statement @ 23/11/2015.

The following chqs have not been presented:  
Nil @ this stage

The following Accts to be paid Nil @ this date.

**NOTES:**

CHOS has a sum of \$10,000.00 invested as a FTD with interest earned rolled into the daily account.

HALL. B.G.  
Hon. Treasurer  
23/11/2015.

**COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY.**

**2015 SPRING SHOW**

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.**

<u>INCOME</u>			<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			<u>COMMENTS</u>	
REF NO.	DETAILS	RECEIPT	\$	DETAILS	CHEQUE	\$	
1	Float		\$ 300.00				
2	Raffle		\$ 538.20				
3	Donations		\$ 500.15				
4	Plant Sales		\$ 2,866.00				
5				Poster Printing	499	\$ 60.00	Pepper Print
6				New/Additional signage	396	\$ 685.00	Stickerman.
7				Float	376	\$ 300.00	In part
8				Judges expenses	376	\$ 75.00	In part, travel costs
9				Food Supplies (Incl. Judges)	381	\$ 50.00	S. Williams.
10		\$ 110.00		Prizes (Cash)	500	\$ 840.00	
12				Raffle costs	384	\$ 20.00	Purchase plants Brian Moore NO.1.
13				Cost of Sales (plants)	Various	\$ 2,341.75	Members supplied
14				Trophies/engraving		\$ 134.00	Gregs Trophies & Engraving
15				Stationary Costs	379	\$ 28.34	B. Fox
16				Card Holders	385	\$ 24.00	B. Fox
	<b><u>TOTAL INCOME/EXPENDITURE</u></b>		\$ 4,314.35			\$ 4,558.09	
	<b><u>PROFIT/LOSS</u></b>		-\$ 243.74				

**NOTES:**

The following additional expenses are to be added (estimate only at this date):

	Hall hire	\$ 105.00
HALL.B.G	Total	\$ 105.00
Hon.Treasurer CHOS	Total Sales \$2830.00, 233 plants sold	