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COFFS ORCHID NEWS – NOV 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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BRUCE HALL

Bruce provides the raffle items which are a major fundraiser at our shows.

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1. CALENDAR

2 Nov	AGM. Gardens as habitats
12 Nov	Woolgoolga Workshop
7 Dec	Christmas dinner at Shearwater.
1 Feb	General Meeting – Ray Clements.

2. NOVEMBER MEETING.

On November 2nd we have our AGM where we choose our new committee and reflect – briefly – on the year we've had.

This will be followed by a regular meeting where Ian Corbett will be talking about Gardens as Habitats. Ian used to be one of the key people in the Botanic Gardens and we look forward to hearing from him.

3. AGENDA for NOVEMBER AGM

WELCOME to members and visitors

MINUTES of 2016 AGM – as printed in this newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – as printed in this newsletter

FINANCIAL REPORT – distributed at meeting

1. Moved that annual subscription remain the same in 2017 as for this year, i.e. \$5 for juniors, \$10, and \$15 for couples.

ELECTION of OFFICE BEARERS – Returning Officer Ron Cowling takes the chair.

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Committee – 3 members.

Meeting closed

This photo, and most of the others in this newsletter are of Bulbophyllums like those Hans spoke of at our October meeting.



Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'

4. MINUTES of 2016 AGM

Apologies: B. Pittaway, P King, J Wong, J Kinnear

Minutes of Previous AGM: in Newsletter. Moved: Sue 2nd: Ben

President's Report: In Newsletter. Moved: Ed, 2nd Judy

Finances: Tabled by treasurer. Moved: Bruce 2nd Steve

All positions declared vacant then handed meeting over to R Cowling our Returning Officer. Positions for 2017 are -

President: E Pearce

Vice Presidents: C Davis, S Clemesha

Secretary: B Fox

Treasurer: B Hall
Committee: S Williams, B Pearce, B Southwell

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The **aim of our society** is to learn more about growing orchids and to have fun. As I review our program over the last 12 months I'm struck by the range of activities that we've had. We've had speakers on a range of topics at our monthly meetings and we've had two workshops. We've had a bus trip to Tinonee Orchids Open Day and a visit to Harbour Orchids. We've produced a monthly newsletter, maintained a website, taken part in two exhibitions and held two very successful shows.



Bulbophyllum phalaenopsis

Over the last few years we've had more and plants at our **shows** and they are a great advertisement for our society attracting many visitors. In conjunction with Woolgoolga Orchid Society we also put on displays at the Coffs Harbour Ag Show and National Botanic Gardens Open Day. The cooperation between **Coffs Harbour and Woolgoolga** societies has been good for both societies.

Our two **bus trips** were well supported by members and they gave us opportunities to talk with and learn from commercial orchid growers. And of course, to buy a few (more) plants. Thanks to our driver John Sidebottom for his services, and for fixing the problem with the bus on our way back from Tinonee.

I'm delighted that we have welcomed several **new members** this year. Our monthly meetings have featured a range of speakers talking with us about how to grow orchids, and variety of orchid genera. We also held a plant auction to raise money for the society and to give members an opportunity to buy some plants at a relatively cheap price. In 2017 we are holding another plant growing competition with Zygotetulum Debbie De Mellow as our competition plant.

The **displays of orchids** at our monthly meetings have been very interesting in the variety of plants displayed. I'd like to encourage everyone to bring some plants to contribute to the display.

We've run **2 workshops** giving members some information about aspects of orchid growing and some hands-on experience trying out the things were talked about.

We have had two **Bunnings Sausage Sizzles** to raise funds for the society and profits are returned to members through things like society paying for most of the costs of our workshops.

A major activity of the committee was to **revise our constitution** in line with the requirements of the Department of Fair Trading. Our website has been regularly maintained and is an excellent record of the things we've done.



Bulbophyllum dearii

Before I finish I'd like to **commend to you the committee** who have worked very hard to organise and run the activities we've enjoyed. I'd particularly like to **thank Sue Williams, Barbara Pearce and Bronwen Fox** who are stepping down from the committee at this annual meeting. They have contributed a lot to the discussions about what we

need to be doing as a society, and I commend them for the work they've done for the members.

This of course means that we will have some new committee members after the AGM. I think it's good for our society to have some new ideas and perspectives in our discussions.

6. AGENDA for NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Judges for Monthly display –

Welcome, Apologies, Visitors, New members?

Minutes of Oct meeting – as printed in newsletter

Committee Meeting – newsletter

Inwards Correspondence

1.

Outwards Correspondence

Plant Growing Competition

Table talk.

Sponsors Spot – Yellow Brick Road

General Business

1. Christmas Dinner
2. Woolgoolga Workshop on 12th November
3. Growing plants for sales table?

Raffle, popular vote.



Bulbophyllum lobbii

7. MINUTES of OCTOBER MEETING

APOLOGIES: G&D Small, Bronwen Fox, Judy and Kathy Cowling, Christine Myers, Selisa King.

New members welcomed; Susanne, Annie. Welcome to Hans Schaible of Dark Star Orchids, who will give a presentation on Bulbophyllum orchids.

Minutes of Previous Meeting – as per Newsletter, Moved by Ben and Pam.

Finances – as per Bruce Hall's report and BCU Statements. Bunnings sausage sizzle sales; thanks to all those who helped. A sizeable profit was made at that fund raising function. Bruce Hall asked that any outstanding cheques be provided prior to the AGM next month.

Finance reported moved by Sue Scd Barb

Committee Report – as per newsletter; Including letter from Friends of the Garden, with keys issue resolved

Sponsors Spot – Coffs Harbour Produce. (Coffs Harbour Produce has Sulphur and Epsom Salts for those interested)

Growing Competition: 1st Trevor Bassett, 2nd Helen Seiver



Bulbophyllum Jersey

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Christmas Dinner Meeting 6pm 7th December at Shearwater. All those interested are to place their names on the list this meeting or the next. We need to get numbers ASAP. More details to be provided as we go along. One orchid each can be brought to the Dinner meeting.

2. The Upcoming workshop – thanks to those who signed up. Bruce is taking the \$10 fee for attendance at the workshop this meeting. Please encourage others to attend.

Popular Vote – won by Dick Cooper for his Cymbidium – no. 25

Raffle; winning ticket – blue 89, (Di), 2nd prize Blue 82, (Neil), 3rd prize Red F90 (Rose)

8. BULBOPHYLLUMS

1. Most Bulbophyllums grow well in sphagnum moss and in water pots with styrofoam in the bottom and sphagnum moss on the top
2. BULBOPHYLLUMS are the second largest group of orchids after Dendrobiums
3. A lot of Bulbophyllums smell bad, though there are some that smell nice
4. Many have quite small flowers
5. Many have long racemes with very small flowers on them
6. Hans presented a slide show of many Bulbophyllums from all over the world
7. They grow in a variety of conditions; some like warmth and lots of light and others grow in cold climates
8. The varieties of Bulbophyllums stretch from the warmth of Madagascar and South America to the Himalayas
9. There are some species of Bulbophyllum unique to Australia
10. Bulbophyllums are quite good with pests; not very susceptible
11. Slugs love the flowers
12. There are not a lot of hybrids yet
13. Hans has created a new hybrid

Meeting closed 8.30pm

9. COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee met at 10.30 on 17 October at Shearwater. Busy meeting with several issues discussed. The main item was establishing criteria and a process for awarding Life Membership of the society.

Other topics were –

- Review of the Bunnings activity
- Upcoming AGM
- Revision of the Welcome Brochure – Jennifer
- Workshop 2

- Christmas dinner at Shearwater
- Possibility of members growing a few plants to sell at the sales table at shows



Bulbophyllum macoyanum

10. TROPHIES

September Show we have two perpetual trophies. One trophy is awarded to the member of our society who grows the best species orchid in the show. It was kindly donated by Betty Pittaway. Past winners of this trophy have been –

2001	N&K Mitchell	Coelogyne
2002	I Wheeler	Paphiopedilum
2003	I Wheeler	Baptistonia
2004	I Wheeler	Dryadella
2005	B Newman	Vanda
2006	B&R Moore	?
2007	R&J Cowling	?
2008	N&K Mitchell	Speciosum
2009	J. Oliver	Dendrochilum
2010	I. Wheeler	Laeliinae
2011	B. Pearce	Laeliinae
2012	G. Clarke	Phalaenopsis
2013	B&J Lennon	Sarcochilus
2014	P Baker	Dendrobium
2015	B&J Lennon	Laeliinae
2016	B Moore	Den kingianum
2017	P Baker	Phalaenopsis

The second trophy is the BCU trophy donated by BCU where we do our banking. It is awarded to the person who wins the a section championship and it rotates through each section of our schedule (there have been a couple of years where we got this wrong). Winners of this trophy have been –

2008	N&K Mitchell	Australian Native
2009	B Moore	Cymbidium
2010	B Moore	Cymbidium
2011	B Moore	Cymbidium
2012	G Clarke	Phalaenopsis
2013	K Green & D Grieg	Vandaceous
2014	M Mackay	Paphiopedilum
2015	B&J Lennon	Dendrobium – not native
2016	B&J Lennon	Oncidiinae
2017	B Moore	Dendrobium

There are many excellent growers represented here. Sadly a couple have passed away and a couple have moved away, but most are still growing beautiful orchids and exhibiting them at our shows.



Bulbophyllum Stars and Stripes

12. GROWING PLANTS ON TREES

In our February newsletter I wrote about my attempt at growing some orchids on my Frangipanis. I choose this tree because the leaves provide shade in summer but they drop their leaves so there is more light in winter.



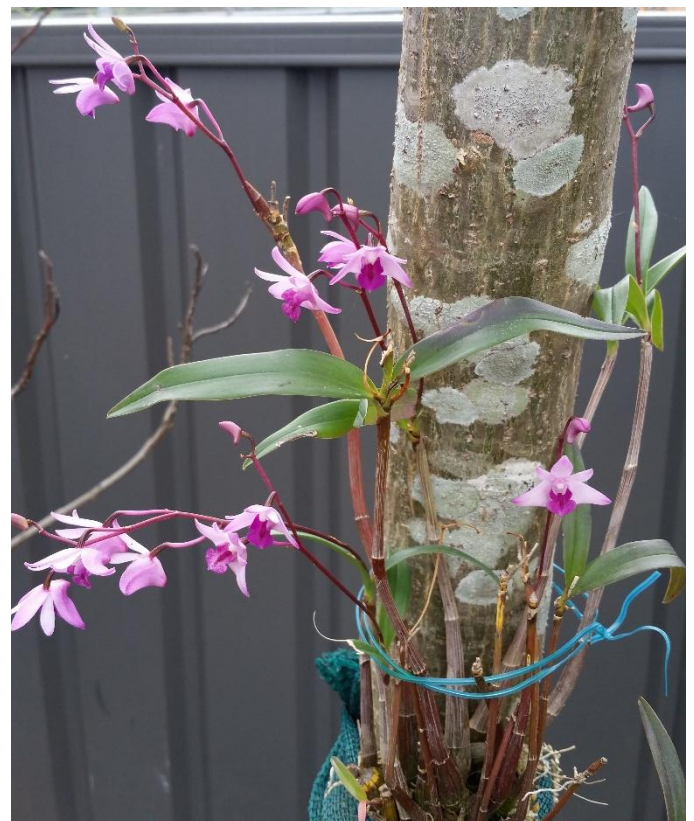
Bulbophyllum oblonga

11. CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Our Christmas dinner is an awards occasion where we get together to celebrate our year. We will start at 6 p.m. and we will hold our meeting where we have a few awards. People are invited to bring along one plant for a display. There will be an award to the most popular plant.

This year our Christmas dinner will be held at Shearwater on the Promenade (next to Mangrove Jacks where we held our dinner last year). People will be able to order from their menu.

People are asked to sign up so we can give Shearwater the numbers for catering purposes. If you have not signed up and will not be at our November meeting but wish to come please let us know.



This plant is Dendrobium kingianum "Steve" named for Steve Clemesha. It has grown quite well and has flowered for me.



Dendrobium Suchram “Gold” also grew well for me.

A couple of the plants didn’t do well and I’m not sure why. I also had a couple of plants that birds got to and removed many of the leaves. Overall I am happy with this and I will try a few more this year

13. PLANT GROWING COMPETITION

Don’t forget to bring your plant (Zygo) for judging. There is still several months to go in this competition and the overall winners are not yet determined. There are still plenty of chances to pick up valuable competition points.

Member Name	Miniature Cymbidium Hybrid Under 60mm	Cymbidium Species inc Australian Natives	Laelinae Exhibition Hybrid over 100mm	Laelinae Miniature Hybrid under 60mm	Laelinae Cluster Hybrid (min 5 flowers)	Laelinae Novelty Hybrid spotted flower non exhibition	Novelty Paph. & allied Hybrids	Oncidinae Hybrids over 65 mm	Oncidinae Hybrids 25 to 65 mm	Tolumnia (equitant Oncidiums)	Oncidinae & Allied Species	Vandaceous Hybrid over 60mm	Vandaceous Hybrid under 60mm	Vandaceous SPECIES
Class	3	4	5	7	8	9	12	14	15	17	18	19	20	21
BLAY Di		2		3										
COOPER Dick	3													
HALL Bruce					3	3			2	5	5	3	5	3
MURRAY Clem									3					
PEARCE Edward								3						
PEARCE Barb					2									
SIEVER Helen			3											
SOUTHWELL Bob		3					2	2						
No Name														
3														

Member Name	Phalaenopsis Hybrid Over 75mm	Phalaenopsis Hybrid 50mm - 75mm	Phalaenopsis HYBRID under 50mm	Phalaenopsis SPECIES	Dendrobium Nobile (softcane) Hybrid	Dendrobium Hardcane Hybrid Non Native	Dendrobium AOV Hybrid Non Native	A.O.V Species Non Native	Australian Native species inc Dendrobium	Australian Native monopodial Hybrid	AOV Hybrid over 50mm	AOV Hybrid 50mm and under	AOV species over 50mm	AOV species 50mm and under
Class	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	31	32	34	35	36	37
BLAY Di														
COOPER Dick					3		3					3		2
HALL Bruce				3					3					
JACKSON Noelene													3	
PEARCE Edward											5			
PEARCE Barb	3		3											
SIEVER Helen						3								
SOUTHWELL Bob	2	5								3				3
WONG Jean								3						