



## COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

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## COFFS ORCHID NEWS – FEB 2018

### 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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#### 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.

#### BRUCE HALL

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

#### SHEARWATER RESTAURANT

Brekkie and Modern Australian dishes in a light, upscale locale with outdoor tables and lovely views over Coffs Creek. 321 Harbour Drive. [www.shearwaterrestaurant.com.au](http://www.shearwaterrestaurant.com.au) or 6651 6063

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### **1. CALENDAR**

- 1 Feb Ray Clements – orchids of Madagascar  
1 Mar Brian Moore – Basics of growing orchids  
5 Apr Grahame Beatton  
27/29 Apr Autumn Show  
3 May Ed Pearce – Zygopetalums  
7 Jun Neville Anderson  
5 Jul Doug Binns – Orchids and Broms in Brazil  
2 Aug Plant Auction  
6 Sep TBA  
8/9 Sep Spring Show  
11 Oct Ian Warburton – Photography  
1 Nov AGM – Plant Forum  
6 Dec Christmas dinner at Shearwater.

### **2. FEBRUARY MEETING.**

At our first meeting for the year on 2<sup>nd</sup> February our Guest Speaker will be Ray Clements from Tinonee Orchids. Ray's topic will be Orchids of Madagascar.



**This *Angraecum sesquipedale* is a plant we sometimes see at our meetings**

Ray will have a selection of plants and some

hardware available for purchase on the night. If you wish to place an order with Tinonee Orchids, then Ray will bring it to the meeting (and you will save any freight charges).

Tinonee Orchids phone number is 6553 1012. Check the website at [www.tinoneeorchids.com](http://www.tinoneeorchids.com) to see what they have available in hardware, potting materials, etc.

### **3. AGENDA for FEBRUARY MEETING**

Welcome, Apologies, Visitors, New members?

Minutes of Dec meeting – as printed in newsletter

Committee Meeting – newsletter

Inwards Correspondence

1. BCU statements
2. 2AIR FM – newsletter

Sponsor's Spot – Yellow Brick Road

Table talk

General Business

1. Orchid Appreciation workshop

Raffle, popular vote.

Guest speaker – Ray Clements

### **4. MINUTES of DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING**

The president welcomed everyone to the Christmas/dinner meeting at Shearwater and announced that Shearwater had agreed to become a sponsor of the society. Apologies were taken.

**Minutes of Nov meeting** – Mvd Bob, Scd Bruce that minutes be approved as printed in newsletter

**Committee Meeting** – newsletter

**Inwards Correspondence**

1. BCU statements
2. Post Office re post office box
3. Hastings River Orchid Society with show dates.
4. 2AIR FM – membership receipt

Mvd Bob, Scd Bruce that correspondence be received.

**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.

10 Year award	Di Blay, Sue Williams
15 Year award	Bill Bright
20 Year award	Barb Pearce, Doug Binns
25 Year award	Betty Pittaway

**Awards for Monthly display** – based on plants brought along each month to our meetings. Winners were announced and prizes were awarded.

**Glad Fleming Perpetual Trophy** – awarded to the member who has the most points overall for 2017

The winner for 2017 was Bruce Hall

**Sponsor's Spot.** Shearwater.

**Popular vote** went to Bruce Hall for his lovely Aerides.



**Bruce's Aerides rosea which won the popular vote.**

## 5. COMMITTEE REPORT.

We had our first committee meeting for 2018 at Shearwater on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Unfortunately Annie Houston has had to resign as secretary due to increased work commitments. Thanks to Pam Warburton for taking on the position. Matters discussed included –

- Life membership application form – will do some more adjustment
- We will try a Facebook page – more details when this is ready

- Work is being done on our new members brochure
- Approval of membership application from Hans Schraibl
- Finances are OK
- Schedule for April Show was tabled for consideration
- Program for 2018 was presented
- Decided to continue with growing competition for another year
- Several matters were touched on and will be considered further at future meeting(s) – managing membership, our operating procedures, assistants for various positions, better use of library.

## 6. MEMBERSHIP FEES

Please note that the annual memberships are due at the February meeting. The fees are the same as for 2017, i.e. \$5 for a junior membership, \$10 for a single membership and \$15 for a couple (New members who paid towards the end of last year don't need to pay for 2018). Please pay Bruce Hall as soon as possible.

Members may wish to pay their subscriptions directly into our account, or by netbank. The BSB for our account is 533000, account number 60050. This is a BCU account in the name of Coffs Harbour Orchid Society.



**Jumellea sagittata** is a very fragrant orchid from Madagascar

## 7. GROWING COMPETITION

Don't forget to bring your plant along to the February meeting. The competition ends in April so only three chances left to gain points.



How many people have flowered their plant? I know at least two people who have flowered their *Zygopetalum*

The committee has decided that the new plants for the growing competition will be *Brassolaeliocattleya* (Blc) Little Mermaid "Janet". These will be available for \$10 to members.



#### **8. WORKSHOP PLANTS**

How are your plants going from the workshops we held in 2017? We have 2 plants from the deflasking workshop, and a plant from the mounting workshop.

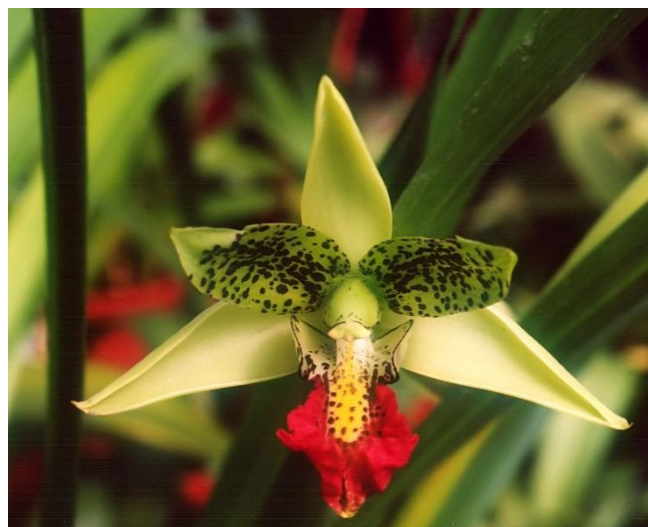
#### **9. MONTHLY DISPLAY**

Please bring along a few of your flowering orchids for our monthly display. We enjoy seeing the orchids that are flowering for people and it's an opportunity to ask about these orchids.

There is a minor change to the Monthly Display Categories and points will be awarded to the winner of the popular vote.

This monthly display involves allocating three points for 1st place and two points for 2nd place in each of the categories. Awards are given at the end of the year (December) for the overall winner and a cash prize for the highest points scorer in each category. Members need a minimum of six points in a category to be considered for an award. The competition runs from February to November. Plants must be benched by 7.15pm and judging will commence at 7.20pm.

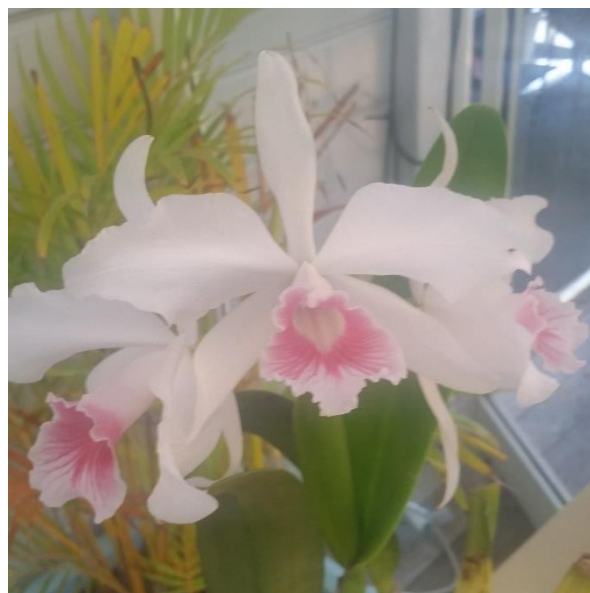
Thanks to Gary Suter for his ongoing work in collating the point scores.



***Cymbidiella rhodochila* is another orchid that grows in Madagascar**

#### **10. CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Our Christmas dinner was held at Shearwater on 7th December. Thanks to those who helped set up the room with decorations, table displays, etc.



***Laelia purpurata* var *carnea* which Bob Southwell displayed at the Christmas meeting**

It is a lovely setting overlooking the Coffs Creek and we had a good night. Thanks to staff at Shearwater for their efforts in helping to make it a successful night.

## **11. PETER KING**

Sadly Peter King died earlier this year. Peter was a member of Coffs Harbour Orchid Society for a number of years since he and Pat moved from Sydney where he was very active. Peter also joined Bellinger Valley Orchid Society of which he became President for a number of years, and recently joined Woolgoolga Orchid Society. We extend our sympathy to his wife Pat and the extended family.

## **12. ORCHID APPRECIATION WORKSHOP**

An invitation is extended to members to attend an Orchid Appreciation Workshop on Sunday 24th March commencing 10.00am at the Kempsey Heights Bowling Club. Some people have already confirmed their interest but we need prior notice from everyone hoping to attend to ensure that the area to be booked is sufficient to accommodate all.

The course, which will extend over a number of sessions, will be delivered by AOC judges from across the State including some who are knowledgeable growers in specific fields.

The course is aimed at all growers from the beginner to the expert. The aims include:

1. an appreciation of the various genera,
2. an understanding of the Australian Orchid Council (AOC) Judging system and how judges judge orchid plants at shows, what makes an award quality orchid in the eyes of judges;
3. the role of the Show Marshall and how that role function better, provide an understanding of show schedule management and the classes in which plants should be exhibited;
4. provide guidance and gain practical experienced to judge at monthly meetings; and
5. allow participants to better contribute to the workings of the society with the knowledge and confidence individuals gain.

The course cost, a one-off fee of \$50.00, will cover all printed notes, handouts and copies of Powerpoint Presentations supplied to participants.

Participants will have the opportunity, if they wish, to complete set assignments during the course to reinforce their understanding of the course topics. This will help the course presenters keep abreast of the participants' strengths and weaknesses in order to make adjustments to the modules where necessary and participants who complete all modules

will be invited to undertake practical and theory exams which could lead to them becoming an Associate Judge, if they wish.

Anyone interested can either contact Grahame Beatton, via email at [denrobe@westnet.com.au](mailto:denrobe@westnet.com.au) or telephone 65688978, or me, via email at [origma505@gmail.com](mailto:origma505@gmail.com) or telephone 66548447.



**This is Cymbidiella paradina**

## **13. EARLY ORCHID COLLECTORS**

William and Thomas Lobb were born in Cornwall and began their horticultural training on the Cornish estate of Sir Charles Lemon, whose name is perpetuated by the well known orchid, *Coelogyne cristata* 'Lemoniana'. In the 1830s they both sought employment in Veitch's nursery, which by then had established a branch in Exeter, and was destined soon to become (for a time) the largest nursery in Britain (and the rest of the world).



**Coelogyne cristata 'Lemoniana'**



In 1840 William Lobb was sent to South America to collect cold-tolerant plants, thus becoming the first in a long line of collectors sent abroad by Veitch's nursery over the next 60 years. His first major introduction to European horticulture was *Araucaria araucana*, the monkey puzzle tree. Sales of its seeds and seedlings alone were sufficient to pay Veitch's expenses for the expedition, thus persuading him to send more collectors abroad. William Lobb introduced many other plants on this and subsequent trips but few were orchids. His greatest claim to fame was probably the discovery of Calveras Grove in the Sierra Nevada of California, a group of 80 or 90 giant sequoia trees (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) measuring 250—320 feet tall and 10-20 feet in diameter. Over 150 years later, Calveras Grove is still a major tourist attraction, and giant sequoia trees can now be found growing in temperate countries all around the world, although none are yet as large as those growing wild in California.



This is my plant and the orange markings on the lip probably identify it as *Coelogyne Burfordiense* with the markings coming from *Coelogyne asperata*.

Meanwhile, William's brother Thomas was sent by Veitch to collect tropical and sub-tropical plants, orchids and tropical pitcher plants (*Nepenthes* spp.) in various Asian countries. A succession of trips took him to Singapore, Malaya, Burma, Java, the Philippines and India. Some of the orchids that Thomas Lobb introduced to cultivation for the first time include *Dendrobium infundibulum*, *Vanda coerulea*, *Aerides fieldingii* (syn. *A. rosea*) and *Paphiopedilum villosum*. The loss of a leg resulted in his premature retirement in 1860. His name is perpetuated by the widely grown *Bulbophyllum lobbii*. B



Here is *Coelogyne pandurata* – note the lip does not have orange markings.

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#### **14. COELOGYNE "PANDURATA"**

I have had a green *Coelogyne* for about 10 years which grows well for me here in Coffs Harbour. It was labelled *pandurata* but I know there is some discussion about whether the orchids labelled *pandurata* here in Australia are really *pandurata* or whether they are *Burfordiense* which is a hybrid of *pandurata* with *asperata*. I am now fairly confident my plant is *Coelogyne Burfordiense*.



Thanks to Dick Cooper for helping with this, and to experts in the *Coelogyne* Orchid Group on Facebook. If you're interested you might like to read what Kevin Dawes has to say on this topic at [Coelogyne.com](http://Coelogyne.com)

And then there is a very rare form of *Coelogyne pandurata* "alba" which might confuse things.