



COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

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COFFS ORCHID NEWS – APR 2018

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.

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 or 6651 6063

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1. CALENDAR

- 5 Apr Grahame Beatton – Judging native orchids
27/29 Apr Autumn Show
3 May Ed Pearce – Zygopetalums
26 May Botanic Gardens Open Day
7 Jun Neville Anderson
5 Jul Doug Binns – Orchids and Broms in Brazil
14 Jul Bus trip to Tinonee
18/22 Jul AOC Conference
23 Jul Fred Clarke at Port Macquarie OS
2 Aug Plant Auction
31 Aug Kempsey Speciosum Show – Mark Clements
6 Sep TBA
8/9 Sep Spring Show
11 Oct Ian Warburton – Photography
1 Nov AGM – Plant Forum
11 Nov Woolgoolga Workshop
6 Dec Christmas dinner at Shearwater.

2. APRIL MEETING.

Grahame Beatton will be our Guest Speaker at the April 5th Meeting. Grahame is the new President of the Nambucca Valley Orchid Society and an experienced orchid judge.

He will talk about the Judging and Growing of Native Hybrids. Grahame will outline what Judges are looking for in an ideal flower and he will show photographs to illustrate his talk.

This will provide our members with ideas on what to look for when purchasing native orchids and preparing them for the show bench.

3. AGENDA for APRIL MEETING

Judges – Gary Suter and Trevor Bissett

Welcome, Apologies, Visitors, New members?

Minutes of March meeting – as printed in newsletter

Committee Meeting – newsletter

Inwards Correspondence

1. BCU statements
2. Show info – Lismore, Manning Valley, Alstonville
- 3.

Sponsor's Spot – Ludos Old Wares

Table talk

General Business

- 1.

Raffle, popular vote.

Guest speaker – Grahame Beatton



The display at our April Show a couple of years ago.

4. MINUTES of MARCH GENERAL MEETING

Ed welcomed all to the March meeting.

Apologies: Jennifer Lock, Bob Southwell, Bruce Hall, Di Blay, Bronwen Fox & Ruth Scott.

Visitor: Hazel.

Edward Welcomed Neville Anderson as a new member and presented him with an orchid and our Society's new information pamphlet. It was really welcoming him back since Neville first attended a Coffs Harbour meeting in the early 1960's. Everyone was then given the new members pamphlet as there was updated information in it.

We were all encouraged to bring along our flowering orchids, and to be generous with any information we to help each other grow better plants. Helping each other should be an integral part of belonging to our club. Ed then presented every member with a Dendrobium kingianum

“Ron’s Gift”. It was the first orchid Ed’s father gave him when he started growing orchids. Ed then introduced Brian Moore who was to be our guest speaker later in the evening.

Minutes of February meeting: Moved by Neil McDonald and seconded by Sue Williams.

Correspondence –

1. Nambucca Valley Orchid Society, Inc list of 2018 Shows & Events.
2. Australia Post, reminder of renewal of PO Box.

Sponsor’s Spot: Yellow Brick Road.

General Business.

1. We were reminded about the Orchid Appreciation Workshop in Kempsey **and** the importance of getting “new blood” into the judging circles of the Mid North Coast. Full details were in the February newsletter.
2. The new orchids for this year’s growing competition have arrived at Ed’s place. We will be giving them out at the April meeting.

Raffle: 1. Brian Moore. 2. Trevor Bissett. 3. Kathy Cowling. 4. Elinor McDonald.

Growing Competition: 1. Brian Moore. 2. Kathy Cowling.

Popular Orchid: Equal first prize to Helen Siever (Dendrobium) & John Sidebottom (Dendrobium). It was the second month running that John’s plant was awarded first prize.

Ed did a table talk, highlighting a small Cattleya belonging to Helen Siever, a “Cooktown” orchid with many flowers on it and a Galeopetalum. He pointed out the compact nature of the plants and that big doesn’t always mean better or more spectacular.

Brian Moore’s talk will appear in a later newsletter.

5. BRIAN MOORE’S TALK

Brian moved to the mid north coast 50 years ago and has been growing orchids at various locations

in the area. He has spent the last 15 years at Dorrigo at an altitude of 3000 feet. The growing conditions have been quite different from our coastal strip.

A Native Orchid Mix.

2 parts 12mm bark (sieved to remove fixers), 1 part 10-12mm scoria or other aggregate, also jumbo perlite approx. 20% of the above mixture. The main thing is that good drainage be maintained over a period of 2 years or more. This mix would be suitable for many other genera including Cymbidiums.

Recently “Orchiata” Bark has become available through the Orchid Societies. “Bio Grow” bark is available to members of NVOS through Max McKay. “Orchid Mate” coco chip is available from Ray Clements at Tinonee Orchid Nursery.

Potting Time:

Brian breaks up & pots on during Sept/Oct – this is good for Cymbidiums and natives, he likes natives to have new growth of at least 2 inches when he does it.

Brian’s collection of cool growing orchids includes Odontoglossum hybrids, Coelogyne, Dendrochilum, Masdevallia, Cymbidiums & Native Dendrobiums. These all grow well on the Dorrigo Plateau.

Orchids that don’t do well up in Dorrigo but do very well around the coastal strip are Cattleyas, Miltoniopsis, Phalaenopsis, Oncidiums, Brassias, Tropical Dendrobiums including Indian Dendrobiums.



Bulbophyllum - Grand Champion in 2015

Pests.

Scale starts to move when the weather gets warmer, September onwards. Woolly aphids – hard to eradicate once established. Hot days, airless conditions conducive to this pest. It is said that if you can see it above the surface of the potting mix it is probably in the roots too. Isolate the infected plants and spray with Rogor morning & evening. (Not in the heat of the day) Use rubber gloves and a face mask.

“Rogor” is an organic phosphate and care is needed in its use. It is now called “Super Way” – “Dimethoate 300” systemic insecticide. It is also effective against Dendrobium Beetle, Brown & White Scale, & green and black aphids. 1 teaspoon in a 1 litre of water in a dedicated spray bottle, is always handy to have on hand.



Lovely Oncidium hybrid

Staking Spikes.

This job is best carried out early and it will be necessary to retie the spike as it matures. With Cymbidiums extra shading for greens and whites will improve the colouring of the blooms. Extra light will improve pinks, yellows and reds.

Sphagnum Moss.

Excellent for back cuts, back bulbs, small plants etc. Best watered with tank water when possible – no feeding using fertilisers.

Brian has been using rainwater for years and aims for a pH of as close to neutral 7.0. Popular fertilisers “Campbells Yellow” & Yates “Flower and Fruit” are used at quarter strength and only once a month. Soluble fertilisers – Nitrosol, Seasol, Powerfeed, again at quarter strength fortnightly. Dry feed – Dynamic Lifter, Superphosphate, blood & bone a small amount

around the top of pots of Cymbidiums, Zygopetalums approx. every 6 weeks.

Cutting tools need to be sterilized after each cut. Brian uses “Sterri Kleen” at rate of 10 grams per 200 ml of water.

Recent heatwave conditions – Brian added extra shade to the roof of his shade house it will come off in April as it gets cooler.

Rot.

Once rot gets into the roots of plants especially Cymbidiums it can travel up to the new leads. Remove plant trim back dead roots, bulbs & leads, wash and dry the plant out. Using “Scott’s Ban Rot” or “Yates Phis Acid” Soak plant in a bucket of prepared fungicide for 15 – 20 minutes. Dry out and leave plant a week or so before repotting in a course free draining mixture. Plants infected with fungus should be isolated. Bringing back from a fungus attack can be a long road.

6. COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee met as usual on the Tuesday after our general meeting. Main matters dicussed were –

- Arrangements for our show
- Steve Clemesha Trophy
- Ordering of bark
- Need to properly document our “house rules”/standard processes.

7. APRIL SHOW

How are your orchids going? What plants might you have in flower for our April Show? What do you need to do to them to present them at their best? We encourage everyone to enter the plants they have in flower so that we can put on a good display for the public.

8. ERIC COLLINS

We were sad to learn of the death of Eric Collins recently. Eric and his wife Dot were members of our society for many years although we didn’t see much of him for the last few years due to his ill health.

9. MEMBERSHIP FEES

Please note that the annual memberships have been due since 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.



Lovely pink Laeliinae type.

10. GROWING COMPETITION

Don't forget to bring your 2017 *Zygopetalum* along for the last judging at the April meeting.

This Growing Competition ends at the April meeting and the winners will be announced and prizes presented at the May meeting. Prizes presented for the grower with the most points accumulated during the year and the grower to be the first to achieve flowering status.

This new competition will commence in May, 2018 and conclude in April, 2019. This year's growing competition plant is Blc. Little Mermaid 'Janet' and plants will be allocated during the April meeting. Cost is \$10 per plant.

The plant draw will be based on the order of payment and each person will draw out a numbered ticket and this will be the number of the plant you will receive.

Please pay Bruce Hall your \$10 before the start of the meeting. If you won't be at the meeting and would like a plant, then please ring Ed (0418 519 908) or Bob (0417 695 8340) before the meeting.

This is an easy to grow plant and members of this group should be in everyone's orchid collection.

A Growing Guide for this year's plant will be included with the plant purchased.

We encourage all members to purchase a plant and take part in the competition (or just get a plant for your collection).



The sales table is an important part of our show and we always need plants

11. ORCHID BARK

Woolgoolga and Coffs harbour Societies have shared the costs of a couple of pallets of orchid bark. We have two sizes – 9/12 and 12/18 – and they come in a 40 litre bag.

They will be sold for \$25 and are available from Bob Southwell. He can be contacted via e-mail bssouthwell@bigpond.com or on 0417 695834. And best wishes to Bob as he recovers from surgery.

And a big thank you to everyone who helped collect the bark in Woolgoolga and unload it at Bob Southwell's

12. AGRICULTURAL SHOW

This year the Coffs Harbour Ag Show is on the same weekend as our Orchid Show so we will not have a display at the show. If anyone has Bromliads or other plants that they would like to enter in the Garden Club's display we would encourage you to do so.

13. STEVE CLEMESHA TROPHY

The society is creating a new perpetual trophy to be called the Steve Clemesha Trophy to be awarded at our April Show. The plan for this trophy to be awarded to the best plant in a different section by rotation each year.

C.H.O.S. AUTUMN SHOW ROSTER 2018

FRIDAY 27TH APRIL

SET UP: (From 1pm) Di Blay, Bronwen Fox, Trevor Bissett, Bruce Hall, Ed Pearce, Pam Warburton, Carole Davis, Neil McDonald, Bernie and Carol Axford, Bob Southwell, June Kinnear.

BENCHING: 3PM to 6PM

SATURDAY 28TH APRIL

Show Marshalls: Bob Southwell and Carole Davis **Floor Assistant:** Di Blay

Show Secretary/Plant Registrar: Bronwen Fox **Catering:** Sue Williams

Sale Plants: Out 6.30am Neil McDonald **Raffle Organisation:** Bruce Hall

Outside Organisation: Edward Pearce and Neil McDonald

Benching: 7am to 7.30am

Judging: From 8am. Only essential personnel in Show Room

	RAFFLE	SALES	SHOW ROOM	COMMITTEE
9 - 11	Gloria Small Ruth Scott	Barbara Pearce Val Magor	Gary Suter Ron Cowling	Carole Davis
11 - 1	Carole Axford Leonie Everitt	Barbara Pearce Val Magor	Betty Pittaway Pam Warburton	Bob Southwell
1 - 3	June Kinnear Jean Wong	Barbara Pearce Val Magor	Lina Altaweel Jean Altaweel	Bruce Hall
3 - 5	Sue Williams Trevor Bissett	Barbara Pearce Val Magor	Eleanor McDonald Neil McDonald	Edward Pearce

SUNDAY 29TH APRIL

9 - 11	Pam Warburton S. Williams/J.Cowling	Barbara Pearce Val Magor	Brenda Mayled Betty Pittaway	Bob Southwell
11 - 1	Silesa King Jennifer Lock	Barbara Pearce Val Magor	John Sidebottom Laurie Olsen	Bruce Hall
1 - 3	Judy Cowling Sue Williams	Barbara Pearce Val Magor	Jenny Lennon Bill Lennon	Pam Warburton

PRESENTATION 3PM. PACK UP FROM 3.30PM
ASSISTANCE IN CLEANING UP WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY THE COMMITTEE

Roster Enquiries: Bob Southwell 0417 695 834 or Ron Cowling 0432 142 651

Member Name	Laelinae Exhibition Hybrid over 100mm	Laelinae Intermediate Hybrid 60 to 100mm	Laelinae Cluster Hybrid (min 5 flowers)	Laelinae Novelty Hybrid spotted flower non exhibition	Laelinae Species	Novelty Paph & allied Hybrids	Oncidinae Hybrids over 65 mm	Oncidinae Hybrids 25 to 65 mm	Oncidinae Hybrids under 25mm	Vandaceous Hybrid over 60mm
Class	5	6	8	9	10	12	14	15	16	19
Bright W						3				
COOPER Dick	3								3	
HALL B										5
Mayled B							2			
SEIVER H	2	5	3	5				2		
SIDEBOTTOM					3					
SOUTHWELL							3	3		
S-R-KING			2							

Member Name	Vandaceous Hybrid under 60mm	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	AOV Hybrid over 50mm	AOV species 50mm and under	Australian Native terrestrial species
Class	20	26	27	28	29	31	34	37	39
BAKER			2	5					3
COOPER Dick		3	3						
DAVIS					3				
HALL B						3			
PEARCE Edward						2	3	3	
SEIVER H						3			
SIDEBOTTOM			3						
SOUTHWELL	3							2	

Popular Vote

Sidebottom Class 27