



COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

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COFFS ORCHID NEWS – MAR 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

- 1 Mar Brian Moore – Basics of growing orchids
25 Mar Orchid Appreciation workshop
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. MARCH MEETING.

Brian Moore will be our special guest speaker at the monthly meeting on 1st March.

Brian has sold his property at Dorrigo and will move to Victoria at the end of April.

He has agreed to speak to the Society and pass on a little of his orchid knowledge before he leaves for "greener pastures". Brian has an extensive knowledge and experience in growing orchids in this area from living on the coast and then in Dorrigo.

At the March meeting Brian will address the methods needed to adjust growing conditions to overcome extremes of temperature especially in hot summers. This means Brian will talk about the basics of growing

orchids and what must be done to make sure our plants have their major growing needs met.

We thank Brian for his generosity and contributions of time and energy to this Society. We wish him all the best for his relocation and for the future.

Thanks Brian, your friendship, your orchid knowledge and your contributions will be greatly missed.



This lovely Laeliinae orchid was shown at our 2017 April Show.

3. AGENDA for MARCH MEETING

Judges – Carole Davis and Kathy Cowling

Welcome, Apologies, Visitors, New members?

Minutes of Feb meeting – as printed in newsletter

Committee Meeting – newsletter

Inwards Correspondence

1. BCU statements
- 2.

Sponsor's Spot – CFS Travel

Table talk

General Business

1. Orchid Appreciation workshop

Raffle, popular vote.

Guest speaker – Brian Moore

4. MINUTES of FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Ed welcomed all to our first meeting for 2018.

Apologies – Kathy Cowling; Judy Cowling; Gloria & Dave Small, Di Blay; Bronwen Fox; Betty Pittaway; Tom Dennison; Steph Jones, Jennifer Lock, Leonie Everitt

Visitors - Phillip & Nanette

Doug Binns received his 20 years membership certificate.

Minutes of December meeting – Moved by Ben Pron, seconded by Sue Williams.

Committee Meeting – newsletter.

Inwards Correspondence –

1. BCU statements.
2. The Hastings River Orchid Society Inc list of 2018 shows and events.
3. 2AIR FM Newsletter.

Sponsor's Spot - Yellow Brick Road.

Table Talk. Ray Clements gave the talk and complimented the growers on the large variety of orchards benched tonight. There was a dainty Mosquito orchid, Oncidiums, a Snowflake dendrobium flowering out of season, a stunning hard cane covered with many flowering spikes, a very dark almost black dendrobium, and a strongly perfumed orchid to list a few.

General Business.

1. Dick Cooper reported on the Orchid Appreciation Workshop to be commencing on Sunday 24th of March at the Kempsey Heights Bowling Club. Detailed information is in February's newsletter. He stressed the importance of "new blood" learning the art and craft of show judging and encouraged those interested to get involved.
2. Neville Anderson told of a recent trip to 5gorges (??) checking on ferns and in the process discovered a new species of *Sarcochilus*.

Growing Competition - This month's winner is Trevor Bissett and second place to Neil McDonald.

The committee has chosen this year's new growing competition orchid a *Brassolaeliocattleya* (Blc) Little Mermaid "Janet" AM/OS. They will be available for collection at our April meeting at the cost of \$10.

Popular Vote – Went to John Sidebottom for his beautiful Hard Cane Dendrobium.



Finance Report - The finance report was at the back of the Feb newsletter. There were no queries about the report and it was moved and seconded by Trevor & Gavin.

Bruce pointed out it was Membership time again and we have started taking renewals.

Raffle - 1. Bruce Hall. 2. Ed Pearce. 3. Bill Bright.

5. COMMITTEE REPORT.

The committee met at Shearwater on 6th Feb. There were many matters discussed including

- New members brochure
- Plants for Growing Competition
- Will re-subscribe to Orchids Australia magazine
- Autumn Show arrangements
- Purchase of bark with Woolgoolga
- Orchid appreciation workshop in Kempsey

6. RAY'S TALK – MADAGASCAR

In 2008 Ray and a group of friends went on a field trip to the exotic island of Madagascar. A fascinating country with a rain shadow climate a wet east coast and a dry west coast. The people were poor but very helpful and hospitable. Education for their children seemed to be their top priority.

Ray's group had a horticultural guide who was extremely knowledgeable and helpful. They saw literally hundreds of orchids that had not been named or catalogued. Some of the orchids they recognised were Bulbophyllums, Jumellea; Polystachia; Aerangis Citrata; Eulophiela & Phaius pulcha.

It was a physically demanding trip and not for the faint hearted, not always 5 stars but the hospitality of locals made it all worthwhile. Ray supported his talk with many photos of the plant life and the trying conditions they had to deal with. A very memorable evening.



This Dendrobium was shown at our 2013 Autumn Show.

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.

There will be more information in our April newsletter.

8. 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.

9. GROWING COMPETITION

There are two meetings to go until this current competition ends. Don't forget to bring along your plant in March and April to get those vital final points.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners at the May meeting.

The new plant growing competition will start at the May meeting. Details of how this competition will work is given elsewhere in this newsletter. The draw for the new competition plants will take place at the April meeting.

There will be a comprehensive growing guide for this type of orchid included in the April newsletter.



There was a nice plant of Bc Little Mermaid at our February meeting.

We encourage all members to take part in the competition by buying a plant for \$10. If you don't wish to bring it along for judging each month then it will provide you with a new plant at a reduced cost.

Please give us your support by purchasing a plant at the March or April meetings. The more members take part in the competition the more interest it will generate.

If you will be absent from the March and April meetings and would like a competition plant, then email Bob Southwell (bssouthwell@bigpond.com) or

phone or message 0417 695 834. We will reserve a plant for you to pick up once you return.



And we often have some lovely Phalaenopses on display.

10. BEENLEIGH INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FAIR

This will be conducted at the Beenleigh Show Grounds on Friday 2nd and Saturday, 3rd March, 2018.

Opens each day at 8am. Lots of vendors selling quality orchids and orchid supplies. Be early to get the bargains.

11. 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.

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. ORCHID APPRECIATION WORKSHOP

An invitation is extended to members to attend an Orchid Appreciation Workshop on Sunday 25th 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 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 Beaton, via email at denrobe@westnet.com.au or telephone 65688978, or me, via email at origma505@gmail.com or telephone 66548447.

14. EARLY ORCHID COLLECTORS - JEAN LINDEN

Linden was born in Luxembourg but moved to Belgium where he became one of the first five students in the Faculty of Science of the newly established Brussels University. At age 19 he was sent by the Belgian government to take part in a scientific expedition to Brazil. Arriving in Rio de

Janeiro in 1835, Linden and two companions proceeded to explore five neighbouring provinces and to send orchids and other plants back to Belgium, where they were put on display to the public in 1837.

By this time Linden was “hooked” on orchids and over the next eight years he collected orchids and other plants in Brazil, Cuba, Mexico, Guatemala, USA, Venezuela and Colombia. He survived many hardships, including close encounters with revolutionaries in Guatemala and an attack of yellow fever.



In 1841 a group of British orchid growers, including the Rev. J. Clowes and Mr. Rucker, commissioned Linden to collect orchids for them in Colombia and Venezuela. Two of Linden’s many discoveries were anguloas, subsequently named *Anguloa clowesii* and *A. ruckeri* after his patrons, and now well known to orchid species growers today.



Anguloa clowesii

Most of Linden’s travels took him to mountainous regions, because he knew that that the cool-growing orchids found there were more suitable for European growers. While in Bogota (the capital city of Colombia), he met Karl Hartweg, who was collecting for the Royal Horticultural Society. The two men agreed to collect together, which was surprising because at that time most collectors were very

secretive about their routes and discoveries. At Pacho they found large numbers of plants of *Odontoglossum crispum*, and Linden later wrote about their subsequent transport to Europe as follows: “The Orchids once collected, difficulties began. It was necessary to bring them down from the mountains to the port of embarkation by roads which cannot be imagined by any who have not traversed them. At that time no steamboats had yet crossed the ocean, and the poor plants had to endure the sea voyage at the bottom of the hold of a rough sailing vessel, after having waited, sometimes for more than a month, for a chance of carriage to a port near their destination. Packed like herring in a barrel, the heat and fermentation worked sad havoc, and but few of them arrived alive.”

After his return to Europe in 1845, Linden set up business as a nurseryman in Ghent, but soon moved to Brussels, where he and his son Lucien established a larger nursery called Horticulture Internationale. His orchid collectors were highly successful in both Asia and America, it’s said because Linden’s prodigious memory enabled him to direct them to promising areas that he had personally explored years earlier.



Anguloa ruckeri – these Anguloas are sometimes referred to as baby in a cradle orchids. Can you see why?

COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY (CHOS)

TRADING STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF 24 January 2018 to 20 February 2018.

DATE OF THIS STATEMENT 20/2/2018.

	Receipt		<u>INCOME</u>	Cheque	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
00/1	M/Ships	\$	360.00			Refer Receipt Book
00/2	Raffle	\$	84.15		\$330.00	Monthly Meet, Feb./Raffle plant purchase Tinonee orchids
00/8	Executive			308	\$50.00	Petty Cash.
00/8	Executive			304	\$45.00	NSW Fair Trading sub. Docs.
00/8	Executive			306/305	\$132.10	Reimb. E.Pearce Christmas function/Lam docs for christmas.
06/1	Sponsorship	\$	100.00			
00/3	Hall Hire			310	\$40.00	Inv. 862.
00/7	Newsletter			309	\$28.00	Xerox, Feb. issue.
05/1	Other promotions	\$	50.00			Growing plant/mounts
	TOTALS		\$ 594.15		\$625.10	
	DEBIT/CREDIT TOTAL FOR THE PERIOD		-\$ 30.95			

Bank Reconciliation for the above trading period.

Opening Bank Balance 22/01/2018		<u>\$8,293.81</u>
Rec for above period	S/T	\$594.15
DEDUCT Exp for above period		<u>\$8,887.96</u>
Pre. u/presented cheques	S/T	<u>\$540.10</u>
		\$0.00
		<u>\$540.10</u>
		\$8,347.86
Balance of income and expenditure		<u>\$8,347.86</u>

Refer BCU Statement @ 20/02/2018.

The following chqs have not been presented: Chq 304 & 310 for a total of \$85.00.

The following Accts to be paid: Nil at this time

NOTES:

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

HALL. B.G.

Hon. Treasurer

20/2/2018.

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