



COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

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COFFS ORCHID NEWS – JUL 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 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
11 Aug Visit to Helen Seiver's orchid house
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.
7 Feb First meeting of 2019
7 Mar March Meeting
4 Apr April meeting
26/28 Apr 2019 Autumn Show

2. JULY MEETING.

Doug Binns will be our guest speaker on the 5th July. He will talk and show photos from recent trips to South America especially in Brazil.

The presentation is titled 'Orchids and bromeliads from Brazil'. Doug will show new material from his recent trips and outline how these plants grow in their natural state and the type of climatic conditions they require to grow well.

3. AGENDA for JULY MEETING

Judges – Di Blay, Rose McKay

Welcome, Apologies, Visitors, New member?

Minutes of June meeting – as printed in newsletter

Committee Meeting – newsletter

Inwards Correspondence

1. BCU statements

Sponsor's Spot – Coffs Harbour Produce

Table talk

General Business

- 1.

Raffle, popular vote.

Guest speaker – Doug Binns

4. MINUTES of JUNE GENERAL MEETING

Ed welcomed all to the June meeting.

Apologies: Judy & Ron Cowling; Barbara Pearce; Tom Denison; Stefica Jones; & Sue Landers.

New Members: Kerrie Reeves applied for membership and will be formally welcomed next meeting.

Visitors: Will and Anne.

Minutes of May meeting: Moved by Ben Pron, Seconded John Sidebottom that the Minutes are a true and accurate record of what took place. Carried.

Correspondence: Pam had collected mail from Tinonee Orchids; Coffs Coast Community Radio; BCU; & Orchids Australia magazine. They will be handed over to the Committee on Tuesday.

Sponsor's Spot: Ed reminded us of the excellent service that Coffs Coast Motors provides to all its clients, and we continue to enjoy their financial support of our Society.

Table Talk: Neville Anderson, President of Woolgoolga & District Orchid Society and our guest speaker this month gave the table talk. He was very impressed with the number of benched plants their variety and presentation. He praised the Cymbidiums which are coming on early this year, the Cattleya's made a lovely & varied display he distinguished between the monofoliate (warmer climate) & the bifoliate (monsoonal) varieties. Helen Seiver's pretty little Epidendrum got a special mention along with Jean Wong's spectacular Paphiopedilum.

General Business.

Tinonee bus trip on the 14th of July. Cost \$20 to be paid to Bruce Hall at next month's Club meeting. There are only 2 places left. We received flyers from Ray Clement this week that I'll make available to members next meeting.

Raffle – 1st Anne (Visitor), 2nd. Bruce Hall. 3rd. Carole Davis.

Growing competition: 1st Sue Williams; 2nd Pam Warburton.



Popular vote - Jean Wong with her spectacular Paphiopedilum insigne.

5. NEVILLE ANDERSON'S TALK

Neville spoke to us about orchids and their growing conditions, and weather patterns that influence their growth on the East coast of Australia from Sydney to Cairns.

He basically divided the orchids into 2 groups, Monsoonal & Rainforest. Classic monsoonal

conditions are 4-6 months of heavy rains, the other half of the year being dry. Rainforest conditions expect rain throughout the year. In the Coffs region we receive winter rains that come in from the sea, as well as the tail end of the monsoonal rains that influence Northern Australia and Queensland.

Monsoonal orchids need to do all their growing in a 4-month period, they also need to be well fertilized during this growing period. Provided you can control their watering during our winter months, they can be successfully grown in our area.

Indian Dendrobiums will grow here, with the exception of Dendrobium fimbriatum. Dendrobium pierardii, an epiphytic species that produces its flowers when the leaves drop off the stems. Dendrobium discolor grows wild on islands in the Torres Straits as well as an island off the Queensland east coast. They will also grow in spinifex country due to monsoonal rains.

Grammatophyllum scriptum & Grammatophyllum speciosum these are very large orchids that require a lot of water, fertilizer and light during their 4-month growing season.

Coelogyne are treated as monsoonal in our area but in the Philippines, they grow under rainforest conditions.

The monopodial Phalaenopsis can be watered and fertilized all year round i.e. rainforest conditions. Sarcophilus cope with watering and fertilizer all year too.

Neville reminded us that 90% of orchid parentage around the globe contains genetics from our Cooktown orchid.

He then went on to fertilisers a topic about which he is passionate. His go to book on the subject is "Fundamentals of Orchid Biology" by Dr Joseph Arditti. It has been scientifically proved that phosphorous will be absorbed by plants through their leaves. ... so, spray away.

Neville's favourite mixture is Campbells Yellow. Nitrogen (N) 11 / Phosphorous (P) 13 / Potassium (K) 16. Along with Nitrosol he uses his fertilizers at full strength weekly. He also applies Epsom salts and calcium to round off his "recipe" for success. He

believes in sticking with the basics and ignoring all those that peddle “tree vinegar aka snake oil” and all other miracle growth potions. He lets temperature guide him as to the amount of water and fertilizer he uses.

	CAMPBELL'S YELLOW	NITROSOL	CALCIUM NITRATE	MAGNESIUM SULPHATE	My Mix	POOLE SHEEHAN DRY WEIGHT
N	11.8	12.3	15		12	12
P	13.2	1.9			7	1.2
K	16.6	13.1			15	15
Ca		1.3	26			4
Mg				16		3

Neville showed us this sheet showing fertilisers.

6. COMMITTEE REPORT

We had our committee meeting at Shearwater on 12th June. Matters discussed were –

- Plans for the Spring Show in September
- Supplies of charcoal and bark
- Tinonee bus trip
- Program of speakers, visits and bus trip
- Donations box at shows
- Membership applications
- Leonie Everett is now formally on the committee.

7. BUS TRIP for TINONEE OPEN DAY

Saturday, 14th July, 2018. \$20 per person. Bruce Hall would appreciate if money was paid to him by 5th July meeting.

Departing from the Botanic Gardens Car Park at 7.45am and expect to return between 5.30 and 6pm. A wide variety of orchids will be available for sale. Guest Speakers will cover a variety of orchid topics during the day. Lunch and refreshments can be purchased from the nursery.

8. VISIT to HELEN SEIVER'S HOME.

Helen Seiver has kindly agreed for members to visit her home and inspect her orchid house. Helen grows a range of excellent orchids and regularly wins prizes on the show bench. The visit is planned for Saturday, 11th August from 2pm. Please meet at Helen's house

at 5 Zara Place, Coffs Harbour (Off Bailey Avenue and not far from the Joyce Street intersection).

9. SOCIETY PLANT AUCTION

Our annual plant auction will be conducted during the August monthly meeting (2nd August). This is a great fund raising activity but relies on members donating plants for the auction. Please bring your plants along prior to the meeting. It will also be a chance to pick up some quality plants to add to your collection.

10. CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

Judy and I had a great holiday in May. We did a Mediterranean cruise visiting places like Pompeii, Santorini, Rhodes, Crete, Athens, Cofu, Kotor and Venice.

We then flew to England to see some friends and we were lucky to be able to visit the Chelsea Flower Show. It was a spectacular display of gardens, flowers – and of course orchids.

There were three displays completely dedicated to orchids – McBeans Orchids, Orchid Society of Great Britain and Orchideengarten from Germany – but many other displays included orchids in their presentations. I'll show just a few photos here.



This spectacular display was in the shape of a peacock with hundreds of Phalaenopses making up the body and the tail.



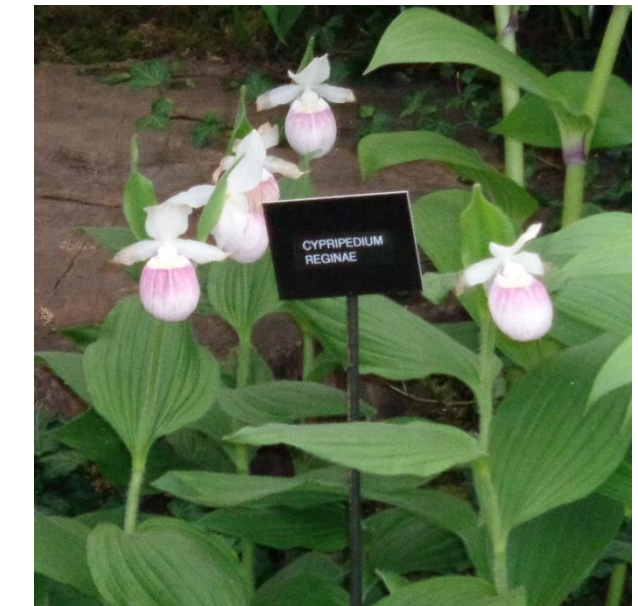
This *Cymbidium lowianum* was on the McBeans Orchids stand and it is claimed that it has been at every Chelsea Flower Show – and the CFS started in 1862. Perhaps surprising to see that a plant can survive, and thrive, for so long, putting out new growths each year.



I was particularly pleased to see the display from the German nursery Orchideengarten and to have the chance to talk with Marie Karge-Liphard who is hybridizing *Coeloglynes*. The plant here is *Coeloglyne peltastes* – a green species orchid that I haven't been able to get here in Australia.



Here is one of the many beautiful flower arrangements incorporating orchids and other flowers in a magnificent display.



This slipper orchid was in a general floral display. This flower is the state flower of Minnesota in the USA and grows naturally near where my family and I lived when we lived there.

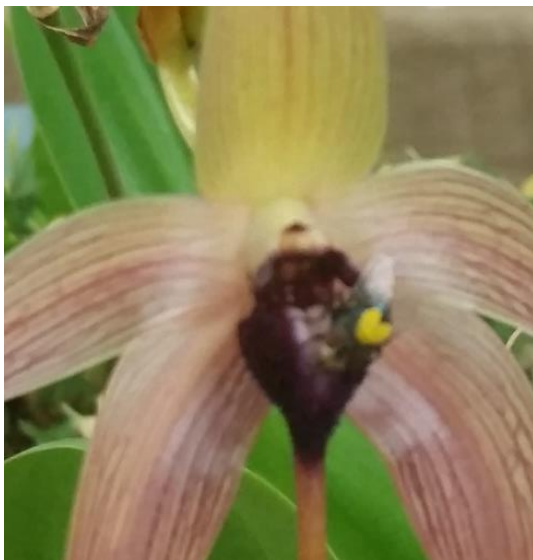


And another lovely slipper orchid.



This is part of the display put on by the Orchid Society of Great Britain.

11. ORCHID POLLINATION?



Did you see the insect crawling around the Bulbophyllum at our Autumn Show? I noticed it and was able to take a photo. I could clearly see that the insect – it looked like a fly – had crawled into the flower and as it crawled out it had some pollen on it.

This is what happens in nature and the insect then goes to another flower and when it crawls inside that flower it deposits the pollen and pollinates the orchid.

It's hard to see in this photo but the pollen is the yellow heart shaped object on the back of the fly.

12. GROWING COMPETITION

Don't forget to bring your competition plant to the July meeting. If you have not repotted the plant then you might consider doing this as the weather warms up as we approach Spring.

We have noticed that plants which have been repotted are all doing well. It will also help if you regularly fertilize the plant as it starts to make new growth. Use of a fertilizer with a higher Nitrogen content (Growth fertilizer) will increase the plants growth rate while it is still young.

13. SPRING SHOW

The Spring Show is set down for Saturday 8th September and Sunday, 9th September. The Schedule has just been approved by the Committee and is now on the Society Web Site if you wish to check out the details.

14. ORCHID BARK

The Society has supplies of Orchiata Bark (40L bags) in two sizes – 9 to 12mm and 12 to 18mm. These are priced at \$25 per bag. Ring or message Bob Southwell if you need some for the July Meeting (0417 695 834).

COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY (CHOS)

TRADING STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF 24 April 2018 to 25 June 2018

DATE OF THIS STATEMENT 25/6/2018.

Receipt	<u>INCOME</u>	Cheque	<u>EXPEND</u>
00/1 M/Ships	\$ 140.00		Refer Receipt Book.
00/2 Raffle	\$ 196.00		Monthly Meet, May & June.
00/3 Hall Hire		201,216P	\$80.00
00/7 Newsletter		219	\$100.00 Post stamps.
Adjustment/bark/tags	\$ 24.50		W.O.S.
02/1 Bank Interest	\$ 13.88		T D. I nterest.
02/2 CSA Pay Bank	\$ 129.08		Refer Bank Statement.
03/2 Autumn Show	\$ 4,065.00	Various	\$2,290.75 Plant Sales Various members
03/2 Autumn Show		212,213,	\$426.34 Var.food, stat., Ribbons, Hall hire, Engraving.
03/2 Autumn Show)		216P,217)	
05/1 Tinonee Bus Trip	\$ 260.00		Member's payments.
05/1 Bot. Gardens Display	\$ 525.00	Various	\$467.05 Float, plant sales various members.
05/1 Growing plant	\$ 80.00		
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>\$ 5,433.46</u>		<u>\$3,364.14</u>

DEBIT/CREDIT TOTAL FOR THE PERIOD \$2,069.32

Bank Reconciliation for the above trading period.

Opening Bank Balance 23/4/2018.	<u>\$4,023.21</u>
Rec for above period	\$5,433.46
S/T	<u>\$9,456.67</u>
DEDU Exp for above period	<u>\$3,270.14</u>
Pre. u/presented cheques	
S/T	<u>\$3,270.14</u>
	<u>\$6,186.53</u>

Balance of income and expenditure **\$6,186.53** Refer BCU Statement @ 25/06/2018.

The following cheque 217 for a total of \$94 have not been persented.

The following Accts to b Bus hire and petrol allowance and membership to the Bot.Gardens.

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. 25 Jun 2018

Member Name	Class	Miniature Cymbidium Hybrid Under 60mm	Cymbidium Species inc Australian Natives	Laelinae Exhibition Hybrid over 100mm	Laelinae Intermediate Hybrid 60 to 100mm	Laelinae Miniature Hybrid under 60mm	Laelinae Novelty Hybrid spotted flower non exhibition	Paph and Allied Species	Oncidiinae Hybrids over 65 mm	Oncidiinae Hybrids 25 to 65 mm
COOPER Dick		3	4	5	6	7	9	13	14	15
DAVIS					3				3	
HALL B						2				2
Murray C									2	
SEIVER H				3	2		3			
SIDEBOTTOM			3							
WONG		3						3		

Member Name	Class	Oncidiinae Hybrids under 25mm	Oncidiinae & Allied Species	Phalaenopsis Hybrid 50mm - 75mm	Phalaenopsis SPECIES	Australian Native Hybrid inc Dendrobium	AOV Hybrid over 50mm	AOV Hybrid 50mm and under	AOV species 50mm and under
COOPER Dick		16	18	23	25	30	34	35	37
HALL B						3			
PEARCE Edward					5	2	5	3	5
SEIVER H		2		3					
SIDEBOTTOM		3							
Whiting J								2	

Popular Vote

H Seiver