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COFFS ORCHID NEWS – JUN 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 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

- 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.
7 Feb First meeting of 2019
7 Mar March Meeting
4 Apr April meeting
26/28 Apr 2019 Autumn Show

2. JUNE MEETING.

Our guest speaker will be Neville Anderson and he will talk on 'Monsoon Forest Orchids'. This includes groups of orchids which require a dry period for part of the year. If you wondered why you had trouble growing hard canes, Spatulata orchids, Cook Town orchids or other tropical orchids in our sub-tropical climate then this talk is a must for you. Neville is a well know orchid grower, President of Woolgoolga Orchid Society and always delivers a fantastic talk. The meeting commences at 7.30pm.

3. AGENDA for JUNE MEETING

Judges – Betty Pittaway, Neil McDonald

Welcome, Apologies, Visitors, New member?

Minutes of May meeting – as printed in newsletter

Committee Meeting – newsletter

Inwards Correspondence

1. BCU statements

Sponsor's Spot – Coffs Coast Motors

Table talk

General Business

- 1.

Raffle, popular vote.

Guest speaker – Neville Anderson

4. MINUTES of MAY GENERAL MEETING

Ed welcomed all to the May meeting.

Apologies: Jean & Lina Altaweel, Ron & Judy Cowling.

Visitors: Kerrie & Diane

Edward welcomed Hazel Earnshaw as a new member and she was presented with our "welcome" pamphlet and an orchid.

Special Mention - Ed thanked everyone involved in our Autumn Show held last weekend. From the benching of the orchids, to the judging then 2 days of "Show" it was a successful and smooth event. Despite a cold and wet Saturday, and a beautiful Sunday we had a lot of people through the display. There were also a lot of orchids of high quality for sale and that pleases everyone.

Minutes of April's meeting: Moved by John Sidebottom and seconded by Ben Pron.



One of the many beautiful hard cane Dendrobiums we had at our show.

Correspondence -

1. BCU Statements.
2. Woodburn Show info.
3. Orchids Australia Magazine. The magazine was handed to Carole Davis to be added to our library. Members can have a loan of any of our books and mags, but they must be returned at the next meeting.

Sponsor's Spot: Tinonee Orchids – Ed stressed the continued and valuable support that Ray Clements gives our Society both as a guest speaker and supplier of orchids for our raffles and our growing competitions.

Table Talk. - Ed drew our attention to 3 of the benched orchids, *Laelia anceps*; *Coelogyne mooreana*; and *Coelogyne Jannine Banks*.

General Business.

1. We were reminded that the Society has 90 bags of bark for sale at \$25 for 40 litres and also charcoal in various sizes.
2. On July 14th we are once again off to Tinonee Orchids for their annual open day. Paperwork was passed around for members to sign up for the trip. The cost will probably be around \$20 as it has been in the past. This is an opportunity for members to listen to experts talk about various aspects of orchid growing and culture as well as buying plants they have been looking out for. We are limited to 20 on the bus including the driver and it appears from the interest expressed that the bus is quickly filling. We may have to look at some carpooling to accommodate everyone.
3. **The growing competitions.**



Last year's competition plant was *Zygopetalum* Debbie De Mellow "Honolulu Bay" and the winner of "First flowering plant" was Ed Pearce. Ed also took out 1st prize in the growing comp with 20 points, and Trevor Bissett runner up with 17 points. Congratulations to them both.

First judging of this year's plant *Brassolaeliocattleya* (Blc) Little Mermaid "Janet" AM/OS - 1st Sue Williams 2nd Pam Warburton.

4. **Raffle:** Di Blay; Stefica Jones & Trevor Bissett.
5. **Popular vote:** For the second month in a row Carole Davis won with her spectacular *Miltassia* Aztec "Toni".
6. Bruce pointed out that there were boxes of pots for sale with prices marked on the side.
5. **GUEST SPEAKER – ZYGOPETALUMS.**

Ed had a PowerPoint presentation

1. Talked a little about the early days of orchid collecting and growing.
2. Discovery of several *Zygopetalum* species in Brazil
3. Early efforts at hybridizing and a few intergeneric hybrids – which in his opinion may not really have been true intergeneric hybrids since most of them seemed to be just *Zygopetalums*.
4. About 30 years ago *Hamelwellsara* was created as an intergeneric hybrid of 5 genera.
5. We now have some much improved *Zygopetalums*, and a range of intergeneric hybrids offering a range of colours and spiking habits.
6. *Zygopetalums* grow fairly well in our area. They need a fairly free draining mix and need lots of water in the growing season
7. Many of them are very susceptible to black spots on the leaves caused by fungus. This can be reduced by good air movement and keeping them drier in colder weather.
8. They can also have mealy bug so spraying and air movement can help with this.

6. COMMITTEE REPORT

We had our committee meeting at Shearwater on 8th of May to discuss –

- The April Show
- Planning for the Tinonee Bus Trip
- Facebook page
- Growing Competition

7. AUTUMN SHOW

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way with our Autumn Show. Many people helped out to make it such a success. We had an excellent display of plants and there were lots of plants on the sales bench.

We benched 174 plants from 21 growers for this show which was more than in 2017. Judges commented on the quality of the plants and there were lots of visitors

This was the first show where we awarded the Steve Clemesha Trophy and it went to Bill and Jenny Lennon for their magnificent Cattleya Donna Kimura "Paradise Tami". Thanks to Pauline who presented the award on behalf of Steve.



Congratulations to Bill and Jenny who scooped the pool at our show winning Champion, Reserve Champion and Steve Clemesha Trophy.



8. AUTUMN SHOW RESULTS.

Grand Champion B&J Lennon

Reserve Champion B&J Lennon

Champion Specimen H. Seiver

Section A – Cymbidium

1. 90mm and over
No entry
2. 60 to 90mm
No entry
3. Less than 60mm
1st P. VanDyke

Champion Cymbidium P. VanDyke

Section B – Laeliinae

1. 100mm and over
1st B&J Lennon
2nd B&J Lennon



**Champion Laeliinae – Cattleya Donna Kimura
"Paradise Tami" - B&J Lennon**

2. A. 60 mm to 100mm - purple
1st R. Smith
2nd R. Smith
B. 60mm to 100mm – any other
1st R. Smith
2nd B&J Lennon

3. Under 60 mm
 - 1st R. Smith
 - 2nd B&J Lennon
4. Cluster hybrid
 - 1st H. Seiver
 - 2nd B&J Lennon
5. Novelty
 - 1st R. Smith
 - 2nd E Pearce

Section C – Phalaenopsis

1. White over 75mm
No entry
2. Pink/Purple over 75mm
 - 1st P. Baker
3. Any other colour over 75mm
No entry
4. 50-75 mm
No entry
5. Under 50 mm
No entry



**Champion Phalaenopsis – Dtps Sogo
Mandolin P. Baker**

Section D – Vandaceous

1. Over 60 mm
 - 1st B&J Lennon
 - 2nd B Hall
2. 60mm and under
 - 1st B. Hall
 - 2nd B. Pittaway



**Champion Vandaceous - Vanda sanderiana x Dona
Rome Sander - B&J. Lennon**

Section E – Paphiopedilum

1. Standard
No entry
2. Maudiae type
No entry
3. Multifloral
 - 1st M. Mackay
4. Phragmipedium
No entry

Champion Paphiopedilum M. Mackay

Section F – Dendrobium (not native)

1. A. Hard cane over 50 mm – Red or white
 - 1st H. Seiver
 - 2nd P. Baker
- B. hard cane over 50 mm – Pink or purple
 - 1st H. Seiver
 - 2nd B&J Lennon
2. Hard cane under 50 mm
 - 1st R&J Cowling
3. Spatulata
 - 1st P. Baker
 - 2nd P. Baker

4. Any other Dendrobium
 - 1st D. Blay
 - 2nd E. Pearce
5. Intermediate
 - 1st H. Seiver
 - 2nd R. McKay

Champion Dendrobium H. Seiver

Section G – Oncidiinae alliance

1. Hybrid over 65 mm
 - 1st R&J Cowling
 - 2nd B. Southwell
2. Hybrid 25 – 65 mm
 - 1st R. Smith
 - 2nd H. Seiver
3. Hybrid under 25 mm
 - 1st R. Smith
 - 2nd R&B Cooper
4. Tolumnia
 - 1st R. Smith

Champion Oncidium R&J Cowling

Section H – Australian Native Hybrid

1. Dendrobium
 - 1st R&B Cooper
 - 2nd R&B Cooper
2. Any Other Australian Native Hybrid

No entry

Champion Australian Native R&B Cooper

Section I – AOV hybrid

1. Any Other Variety Hybrid over 50 mm
 - 1st E. Pearce
 - 2nd E. Pearce
2. Any other variety hybrid under 50 mm

No entry
3. Bulbophyllum
 - 1st R. Smith
 - 2nd S. Williams



**Champion AOV – Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann
“Buckleberry” - R. Smith**

Section J – Species

1. Cymbidium
 - 1st P. VanDyke
 - 2nd M. Mackay
2. Laeliinae
 - 1st S. King
 - 2nd G. Suter
3. Phalaenopsis

No entry
4. Vandaceous
 - 1st B. Pittaway
5. Paphiopedilum
 - 1st M. Mackay
6. Dendrobium not native

No entry
7. Oncidium Alliance
 - 1st B&J Lennon
 - 2nd B&J Lennon
8. Australian native – not Dendrobium

No entry
9. Australian native Dendrobium
 - 1st S. King
 - 2nd R&B Cooper
10. Bulbophyllum
 - 1st B. Hall
 - 2nd D. Blay
11. Any other species – not Australian native
 - 1st B&J Lennon
 - 2nd C. Davis

Champion Species B&J Lennon

Section K – First Flowered Seedling

- 1st B&J Lennon
- 2nd B&J Lennon

9. BUS TRIP for TINONEE OPEN DAY

Our annual bus trip to Tinonee Nursery (near Taree) will take place on Saturday, 14th July, 2018. We will be leaving from the Botanic Garden Car Park at 7.45am and return between 5pm and 6pm. Only a few seats are left so if you wish to go please contact Bob on 0417 695834 as soon as possible. Tinonee has a great range of orchids and hardware for sale plus a variety of guest speakers during the day. We will confirm the bus cost in the near future and ask that payment be made to Bruce Hall by the 5th July meeting.



Helen Seiver's magnificent hard cane Dendrobium which won best specimen. Note that it is growing on a piece of tree fern.

10. GROWING COMPETITION

The results of the 2017-18 competition has been finalised and prizes were presented to the winners at the May monthly meeting.

First plant to flower Edward Pearce

Overall winner Edward Pearce

Second overall Trevor Bissett

Please bring your new competition plants along (Blc. Little Mermaid 'Janet' AM/OS) for judging at the June meeting. You gain a point by just presenting your plant each month. Judging begins at 7.15pm.

We have now sold 42 plants and now have three left (\$10 each). If you would like to purchase a plant then see Ed or Bob (0417 695 834).

11. ORCHID BARK

The Society has combined with Woolgoolga Orchid Society and purchased a supply of 40L bags of Orchiata Bark for sale to members.

Two sizes are available: 9 to 12mm and 12 to 18mm. These are value priced at \$25 per bag.

Orchiata is a NZ pine bark which had been sterilized and had dolomite added to stabilise the pH of the bark. This is a high-quality potting bark which under normal growing conditions has a life of at least two years. The bags are stored at Bob Southwell's house (6 Sunrise Drive, Boambee East) and can be obtained by contacting Bob on 0417 695834 or email bssouthwell@bigpond.com (or any other Committee member and they will pass the order on). Either you pick them up or Bob will try to deliver to your house or at the next monthly meeting.

12. FACEBOOK PAGE.

We are setting up a Facebook page for the Coffs Harbour Orchid Society. You can see what it is looking like by searching for the society using the search function in Facebook and then "liking" it.

More will be done to add to the functionality so you can post to the page etc.