



# COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

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## COFFS ORCHID NEWS – MAR 2019

### 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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### SPONSORS

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#### TINONEE ORCHIDS

Tinonee Orchids carries a wide variety of orchids and orchid growing supplies – coconut, pots, etc. They provide quick delivery of orders. 6553 1012 or [www.tinoneeorchids.com](http://www.tinoneeorchids.com)

#### COFFS COAST MOTORS

For Mazda and Honda vehicles, also second-hand vehicles, and ALL your servicing needs. Do your shopping while your car is serviced. 6652 3122, 41 Grafton St., Coffs Harbour.

#### 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**

- 7 Mar March Meeting - Plant Forum  
4 Apr April meeting  
26/28 Apr 2019 Autumn Show  
2 May Meeting  
17 May Coffs harbour Ag Show  
6 Jun Meeting  
4 Jul Meeting  
1 Aug Meeting  
5 Sep Meeting  
7/9 Sep 2019 Spring Show  
17 Oct Meeting  
7 Nov AGM and meeting  
10 Nov Woolgoolga Workshop  
5 Dec Christmas dinner and awards

### **2. MARCH MEETING.**

During the March meeting we will conduct a Members Forum where members will have the opportunity to ask for advice on any aspects of orchid growing.

If you have a problem plant then you may like to bring it along to the meeting. Leaves with disease or pest problems should be placed in a plastic bag to prevent contamination of healthy plants.



**What would you do about this?**

If any member wishes to talk about how they do some aspect of orchid growing they are welcome to share their ideas and experiences.

### **3. AGENDA for MARCH MEETING**

Judges – Carole Davis, Dick Cooper

Welcome, Apologies, Visitors

Minutes of Feb meeting – as printed in newsletter

Committee Meeting – newsletter

Inwards Correspondence

1. BCU Statements
- 2.

Financial Report

Sponsor's Spot. Tinonee Orchids

Table talk

Popular vote., raffle

Plant Forum

### **4. SURVEY**

At the February meeting we handed out a survey which we would like you to fill in and return. The committee would like to get some ideas from you about

- What topics would you like us to cover at our meetings?
- Do you have any thoughts about how we might improve our meetings?
- What activities would you like to see – trips, workshops, etc?
- Any other thoughts about what you like and what can be improved?

The survey will be anonymous so you can be very frank with your comments.

There will also be an opportunity for anyone not at the meeting to complete the survey.

### **5. MINUTES of FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING**

Ed welcomed all to the February meeting including our guest speaker Ray Clement from Tinonee Orchids.

**Apologies:** Stefica Jones, John Sidebottom, & June Kinnear.

**Visitors:** Robin, Marcia Lusted & Sandy Healey.

**Minutes of December's meeting:** Moved by Ben Pron, seconded by Neil McDonald that the Minutes are a true and accurate record of what took place. Carried.

**January's Committee Meeting;** as per Newsletter.

**Inward Correspondence:** BCU statement, magazine Orchids Australia; notification of Nambucca's 2019 Shows & 2 Air FM Newsletter

**Finance:** Bruce Hall presented his report. The report was moved by Bob Southwell and seconded by Sue Williams. Carried.

**Sponsor's Spot:** Ed spoke glowingly of Tinonee Orchids sponsorship and support of our Society. Ray Clement the owner was our first guest speaker of the year.

**Growing Competition:** 1<sup>st</sup> Silesa King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pam Warburton.

#### **General Business:**

1. Impromptu Auction. Helen Seiver outbid everyone for the left-over drinks & sauce from the Bunnings BBQ.
2. Survey: A survey was handed to all members and they were encouraged to fill it out honestly and anonymously, the committee will take on board comments and suggestions
3. Growing Competition: 1<sup>st</sup> Silesa King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pam Warburton.  
It was decided to go ahead with a growing comp in 2019, but with a twist, the chosen plants will be required to be mounted in some form or another.
4. Popular vote: Equal first were Sue Williams with her Bulbophyllum and Di Blay and her Phalaenopsis.
5. Library: Carole finally got her request for a table for library books, and people were invited to make use of the many books we have.
6. Raffle: 1<sup>st</sup> Noelene Jackson; 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rose Mackay, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Ben Pron.
7. Bark: Bob Southwell still has plenty of bark @ \$25/40lbs.
8. We still need 2 judges for the May meeting. Please speak to Bob if you are able to help out.

## **6. RAY CLEMENTS' TALK**

Ray started off his talk discussing the many ways orchids can be mounted to give a spectacular display. This was in keeping with the brief on our new growing competition starting in April.

In reality you can basically use anything, he gave an example of a Cattleya growing on a thong!

The most common mounts are tree fern trunks, and cork bark, but many varieties of wood are suitable provided they have not been treated with chemicals.



You can make a mount "dry" or "moist" by adjusting the drainage, there are endless possibilities.

Gutter guard was also put forward as an example of thinking outside the square. He did however point out that there is a thin line that denotes whether a mount is indeed a mount or a pot.

Everyone was encouraged to be inventive and "have a go".

Ray then presented his slide show on "Australian Native Orchids". He spoke predominantly about Dendrobiums in their many forms; Dendrobium speciosum, Dendrobium tetragonum and Dendrobium kingianum.

We were told of the growing mix he uses for his which is predominantly coconut, large Styrofoam, bark and some charcoal. This mix suits natives in his shade houses where he only has to water every few days due to the water holding capacity of the coconut chip.

He went on to show us the many and varied hybrids that have been developed by growers from the 3 groups mentioned.

A most enjoyable session and I'm sure its broad appeal pleased everyone.

## **7. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

Please note that the annual memberships were due at the February meeting. The fees are the same as for 2018, i.e. \$5 for a junior membership, \$10 for a single membership and \$15 for a family (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.

## **8. AUTUMN SHOW**

This will be held over the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

Setting up the display will take place at the Botanic Gardens from 1pm on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April. Benching of plants will take place between 3pm and 6pm on the Friday and between 6.30am and 7.30am on Saturday morning. Judging will take place from 8am on the Saturday. The Show will be open to the public from 10am. The presentation of awards will be from 3pm on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April.



### **One of the orchids on display at our show in 2018**

This year's Show Schedule is available from the CHOS website. Copies will be emailed to all members prior to the Show. All members should make themselves

familiar with the rules and regulations that govern each of our Shows.

With just two months to go before the Autumn Show, members should be preparing plants for exhibition by proper staking and disease and pest control so orchids are well presented on the day.

## **9. SALES PLANTS**

The Society will conduct the usual plant sales table at the Autumn Show. Sale plants are welcome from all members. Sales tickets will be available from monthly meetings prior to the Show. Plants do not have to be in flower but should be well established and free from diseases and pests.

## **10. GROWING COMPETITION**

Don't forget to bring your plant for the March and the April meetings. There is still a chance to gain some vital points before the competition ends in April. Prizes to winners will be presented at the May meeting.

## **11. NEW GROWING COMPETITION**

The 2019-2020 Growing Competition plant will be *Dendrobium* Rutherford Starburst 'Tinonee'. Plants can be ordered from Bruce or Pam at \$10. Only one plant per member. The plant draw will take place at the April Monthly Meeting.

This year we have decided that all plants entered in the competition must be in a mounted format. This could be using a piece of cork, a tree fern block, an old thong, a piece of fence paling, etc. Do not use treated timber.



In order to help members mount their plant we will hold a plant mounting workshop during the April meeting. You will need to pay for your plant plus bring a suitable mount along to the meeting. The Society will supply everything else that will be needed to mount the plant along with a worksheet describing the procedure.

If you don't wish to mount the plant and only want to add it to your collection then that is acceptable. However, plants in pots will not be accepted in the Growing Competition.

If you will be absent from the April meeting then you can mount your plant in your own time at home. The first judging of the mounted plants will be from the May Monthly Meeting.

## **12. COMMITTEE MEETING**

We held a committee meeting at Shearwater On 29<sup>th</sup> January. We covered –

- Use of the library and the value of some new books
- Membership
- Survey
- 2019 Growing competition
- Planning for April Show
- Agricultural show 17 to 19 May

## **13. LIBRARY**

Carol Davis is our librarian she has done lot of work to sort and catalogue the books we have available for members to borrow. There will be more about this in another newsletter.

## **14. ORCHID BARK**

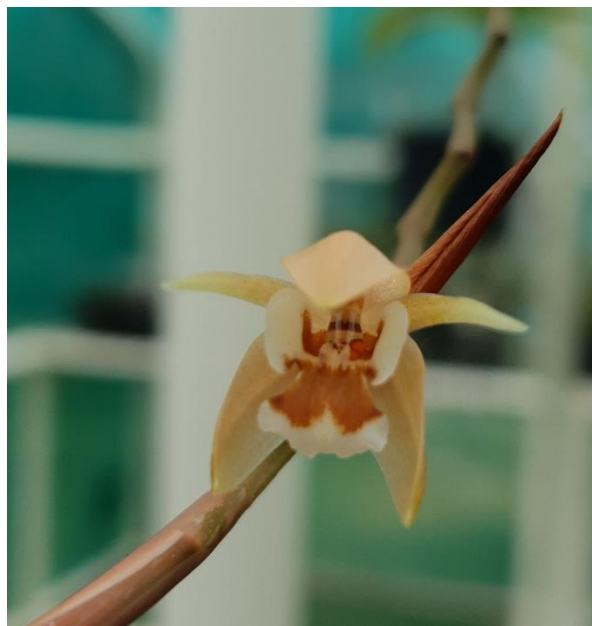
All of the smaller sized bark (9 to 12mm) has been sold. However, we have plenty of the larger sized bark (12 to 18mm) for sale at \$25 each. Each bag is 40L in size.

This sized bark is very useful for potting most of the majority of orchid types. It has a range of bark sizes in the mix and good water holding ability especially if you add other ingredients like perlite, coconut chip and charcoal. Bags will be available for sale at the March meeting or contact Bob Southwell (0417 695 8340) if you need some supplies urgently

## **15. STRANGE THINGS IN THE ORCHID WORLD**

### **1. Continuous flowering?**

This is my *Coelogyne candoonensis* which started flowering in February 2018. It put out 4 racemes of flowers with one flower on each raceme. As those flowers died off each raceme extended and put out another flower, and then another, and then .. for 12 months so far. This year the new growths have started flowering as well, so now I have 8 racemes of flowers.



It is quite a small flower, but I wonder what will happen next? Will it keep on flowering? Does it need a rest? And I have a seed pod with this as one of the parents. What will the offspring be like?

### **2. Keikis?**

Dendrobiums are very inclined to produce side growths called keikis, and these keikis can be broken off and planted up to form new plants. Sometimes keikis can flower.

But what about a keiki growing on a keiki?

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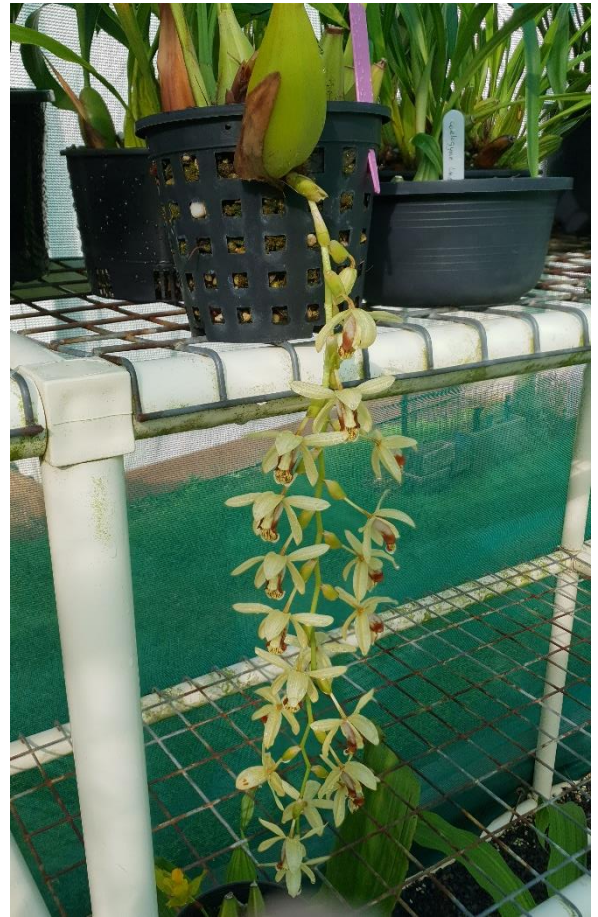


**This is a keiki growing on a keiki on my *Dendrobium kingianum*.**

**Growing outside the pot.**

I noticed that a *Coelogyne tomentosa* put a new growth through a small gap in the lattice pot it was growing in, and then it looked like this bulb would flower.

And in time it did flower, and it seemed to flower quite normally.



I am now interested to see what happens next.



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	Oncidiinae Hybrids 25 to 65 mm	Oncidiinae Hybrids under 25mm	Vandaceae Hybrid under 60mm
Class	5	6	8	9	15	16	20
HALL B					2		3
SEIVER H	3	5				3	
S-R-KING			5	5	3		

Member Name	Phalaenopsis Hybrid Over 75mm	Dendrobium Hardcane Hybrid Non Native	Dendrobium AOV Hybrid Non Native	AOV Hybrid over 50mm	AOV Hybrid 50mm and under	AOV species 50mm and under	Popular Vote
Class	22	27	28	34	35	37	
Blay Di	3				3		3
COOPER Dick		3	3				
HALL B				3		2	
PEARCE Edward				2			
SEIVER H			2				
WILLIAMS Sue	2					3	3

**COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY (CHOS)**  
**TRADING STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF 25 October 2018 to 25 January 2019.**  
**DATE OF THIS STATEMENT 25/1/2019.**

	<u>Receipt</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Cheque</u>	<u>EXPEND</u>
00/2	Raffle	\$ 109.00		Monthly Meet.
00/3	Hall Hire			40.00 Bot. Gardens
00/4	Prizes/awards			260.00 Point score
00/6	Statutory			82.00 NSW Fair Trading
00/7	Newsletter			35.00 Copy Centre Newsletter
00/8	Executive			12.00 Copy Centre, print AGM
00/8	Executive			97.00 Christmas function Ed Pearce
00/8	Executive			67.03 Office Exp. P Warbton
00/8	Executive			50.00 Petty Cash
02/1	Bank Interest	\$ 94.77		T/Deposit
02/02	Bank Interest	\$ 14.12		Bank interest other
06/1	Marketing	\$ 2,064.60		78.00 BunBBQ/Bunnings Exp. S/Onion
06/2				150.00 Cash Float Bunnings
				387.00 Bunnings Exp. B. Southwell
				179.00 Bunnings Exp. Hall B.G.
	<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,282.49</u></b>		<b><u>\$ 1,437.03</u></b>

**DEBIT/CREDIT TOTAL FOR THE PERIOD** \$845.46

**Bank Reconciliation for the above trading period.**

Opening Bank Balance 25/10/2018.	<u>\$ 6,566.38</u>
Rec for above period	<u>\$ 2,282.49</u>
S/T	<u>\$ 8,848.87</u>
<b>DEDUCT</b> Exp for above period	<u>\$ 1,220.97</u>
Pre. u/presented cheques	\$ 110.00 Chqs 857.
S/T	<u>\$ 1,330.97</u>
	<u>\$ 7,517.90</u>

**Balance of income and expenditure** \$ 7,517.70 Refer BCU Statement @ 25/01/2019, which shows a balance of \$7450.87.

The following chqs have not been presented:

870 \$82.00, 861 \$67.03.

The following cheque 851 for \$5.95 has not been presented I have been advised that it has been lost and should be cancelled.

**NOTES:**

CHOS has a sum of \$10,000.00 invested as a FTD with all interest earned rolled into the daily account and is shown in the appropriate trading statements.

HALL. B.G.  
Hon. Treasurer  
26/01/2018