



# COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

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## COFFS ORCHID NEWS – MAY 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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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**

- 26/28 Apr 2019 Autumn Show  
2 May Breeding orchids, Ed Pearce  
17 May Coffs Harbour Ag Show  
6 Jun Neville Anderson – pollination to maturity  
4 Jul Brian Heath – a couple of ways to deflask  
1 Aug Plant auction  
5 Sep Rhonda Smith – Dendrochilums, how I do it  
7/9 Sep 2019 Spring Show  
17 Oct Photography?  
7 Nov AGM. Steve McGrane  
10 Nov Woolgoolga Workshop  
5 Dec Christmas dinner and awards

### **2. MAY MEETING.**

Edward Pearce will be our Guest Speaker for the May Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> May).

Ed will speak on his experience with breeding orchids especially with his current program with Coelogyne and species and hybrids. Ed will outline the various steps involved in what can often be a lengthy process. This will be an informative and enlightening talk.

Special Guest Speaker at our **June Meeting (6<sup>th</sup> June) will be Neville Anderson.** Neville is always an entertaining and informative speaker. This time his topic is entitled

**‘Orchids from Pollination to Maturity’.**

### **3. AGENDA for MAY MEETING**

Judges – Dick Cooper, Bob Southwell

Welcome, Apologies, Visitors

Minutes of March meeting – as printed in newsletter

Committee Meeting – newsletter

Inwards Correspondence

1. BCU Statements
2. Australian Orchid Review magazine
- 3.

Financial Report

Table talk – Dick Cooper

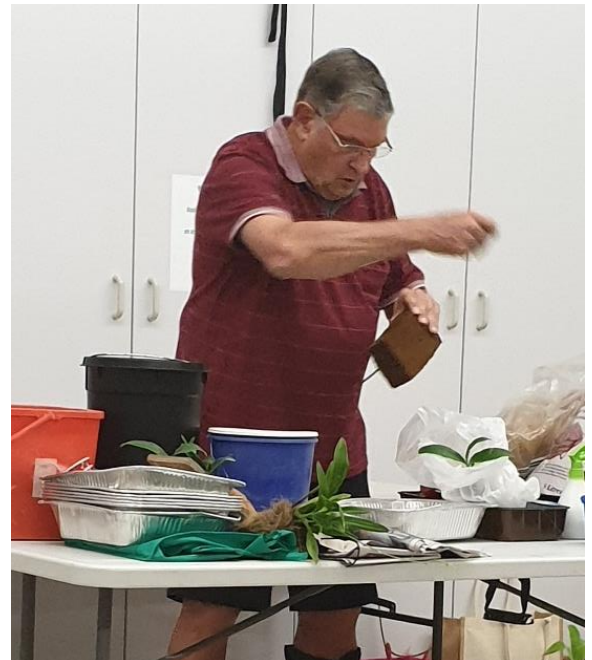
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Library

Popular vote, raffle

General Business

1. Ag Show



**Bob demonstrated how we could mount an orchid.**

### **4. MINUTES of APRIL GENERAL MEETING**

1. Ed welcomed all to the April meeting. He complimented the members for the display of benched orchids. Ed went on to outline the nights program with the drawing of the growing competition plants then Bob Southwell firstly demonstrating how to mount an orchid, then members getting some hands on fun and doing their own.
2. **Apologies:** John Sidebottom, Kerrie Reeves, Jennifer Lock & Bronwen Fox.
3. **Minutes of March’s meeting:** Moved by Hazel Earnshaw, seconded by Ben Pron that the Minutes

are a true and accurate record of what took place. Carried.

4. **March's Committee Meeting;** as per Newsletter.
5. **Inward Correspondence:** BCU statement, 2 letters to Ed from the Judges Panel, and notification of Mingara's annual Orchid Fair.
6. **Finance:** Bruce Hall presented his report. Last month Ben Pron queried the difference in society funds between the two financial years and Bruce presented the paperwork to explain said difference. He reminded members there was still some bark left for sale. The Report was moved by Sue Williams and seconded by Betty Pittaway. Carried.
7. **Table Talk:** Ed once again addressed the members and drew our attention to the unusual Stanhopea orchids that Neville Anderson had bought along. He drew our attention to two Coelogyne plants that shared some genetics.



**Hazel is doing a good job with her orchid.**



**Dick Cooper's beautiful Dendrobium biggibum won popular vote.**

8. **Popular Vote:** Dick Cooper's Dendrobium was the people's choice; the vibrant purple was certainly eye-catching.

## 9. General Business

9.1 Raffle: 1. Betty Pittaway 2. Di Blay, 3. Carole Davis. 4. Bruce Hall.

9.2 Growing Competition: 1<sup>st</sup> Silesa King, Equal 2<sup>nd</sup> Noelene Jackson & Pam Warburton.

9.3 April Show: We were reminded that the April Show is rapidly approaching and we need the members to bring along as many flowering plants as they can to give a good display for both the public and the judges. Those members wishing to sell some plants were asked to be mindful of filling out the price tags correctly.

9.4 The Agricultural Show in May. There will be a non-competitive display of Orchids from both Coffs and Woolgoolga Societies, to be benched on the morning of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of May and opened to the public Saturday and Sunday, the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of May.

9.5 Library. Carole Davis reminded everyone that the library was there for their use and enjoyment. Each month Carole tries to match the books on display with the topics relevant to the meeting. She also asked for suggestions as to what books the membership would like to see in our library.

9.6 While the members were waiting for the draw of the Growing Comp plants to get underway, Neville Anderson gave a short talk about the Stanhopea orchids he brought along.





**Neville's Stanhopea - sometimes referred to as the "Upside down orchid" because they tend to flower from the bottom of the plant.**

9.7 We then had the draw for the Growing Competition for the next 12 months. The orchid is a hybrid Dendrobium Rutherford Starburst 'Tinonee'.

## **5. DEMONSTRATION of MOUNTING ORCHIDS.**

Bob Southwell started proceedings going over all the different kinds of mounts that could be used for the new growing competition plants. He then took his competition plant and step by step mounted it onto a piece of tree fern.

Everybody was given printed instructions with words and diagrams. All the materials required were on a front table then everyone collected their supplies and then set about mounting their orchids.

Four hands were at times better than two and it was good to see people helping each other.



**Noelene has mounted her orchid on a piece of a branch.**

## **6. SURVEY.**

Thanks to everyone who returned the survey form. We are interested to see what your thoughts are about what we need to be doing.

Over the course of the year we try to provide for our members who are starting out growing orchids, and for those who are more experienced. Some months the program might favour beginners and some months it might favour experienced growers but we try to cater for everyone.

We aim to co-operate with other local societies and we encourage our members to participate in their activities where you can, e.g. Shows, Woolgoolga workshop in November.

The program for the year is listed as item 1: Calendar in our newsletters.

There were some comments about the venue for our Christmas Dinner/Awards meeting, which we have held at our sponsor Shearwater the last couple of years. Some people are very happy with this venue, and some people would like a change.

We need a venue which has a separate area so we are not disturbed by other guests, and we prefer to have a venue that provides the food, etc rather than having to do this ourselves. Do you have any suggestions? Committee welcomes any suggestions about alternatives for our venue.



Leonie has mounted her plant on a lovely old, and large, piece of wood.

## 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.

This will be the last reminder.

## 8. AUTUMN SHOW

The show will be conducted over two days in the Display Room at the North Coast Regional Botanic Gardens, Coffs Harbour - Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

Judging will take place early Saturday morning and the Show will be open to members and the public from 10am. Presentation of prizes will take place on Sunday from 3pm.

Setting up for the Show will take place from 1pm on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April. Members are asked to consult the roster which is attached to the April newsletter. Special thanks to Ron Cowling for his assistance with the roster. If you can provide additional assistance (especially at the set-up and pull-down times), then please ring Ron on 0432 142 651 or Bob on 0417 695 834 or just turn up on the day.



I was impressed by this lovely slipper orchid on our display bench at the April meeting.

Benching of plants for the Autumn Show will be from 3pm to 6pm on Friday and 6.30am to 7.30am on Saturday. Tables will be provided at the side door so you can organise your plants during the registration process. White plant cards will be available when you register on the Friday or the Saturday morning.

A Show Marshals Receiving table will be set up inside the room and we ask that you place your plants on this table after registration. The Show Marshals and their assistants will then place these entries into the correct Sections on the benches. Please do not place your own plants onto the show benches unless the Show Marshals direct you to do so.

We also welcome plants for the Sales Table. Sale Plant tags will be available at the registration session on



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Plants do not have to be in flower but should be healthy and well established.

Please enter as many plants as you can as we once again want to fill the Show Room with colour and perfume and to make this a Show to remember.

Copies of the Show Schedule have been emailed to everyone, and are available on the Society web site.

## **9. GROWING COMPETITION**

Prizes will be presented to winners of the 2018-2019 Growing Comp during the May Meeting. Thanks to all those who took part in this competition.

The 2019-2020 competition got off to a flying start with the mounting workshop at the April monthly meeting. Congratulations to all who took part. It was great to see members helping each other and smiling and laughing as they worked on their orchid mount. Remember to bring your mounted orchid (along with its red numbered tag) to the May meeting for the initial judging and a chance to earn some points in this new competition.



## **10. COMMITTEE MEETING**

We held a committee meeting at Shearwater on 9<sup>th</sup> March. We covered –

- Planning for April Show
- Annual subscriptions and membership
- New growing competition
- Library
- Agricultural Show in May.

## **11. LIBRARY**

Did you know that we have a Library for the use of all our members?? It has recently been overhauled, and

the Catalogue has been updated, but there are still a lot of old (ancient?) books which we feel should be replaced so are asking what sort of things would you be interested in borrowing. We subscribe to *Orchids Australia* which are always available, and they go back about nine years. Once older than this, we usually offer them to members as giveaways.

We have a number of books which are more academic but certainly of interest for those wanting to drill down their understanding of orchid culture and history. Our Catalogue also covers orchids grown in countries other than Australia, exotic species, the good old *How To* in all its variations with information for all sorts of genera on potting mix, types of shade houses, watering, divisions, pests and diseases – you name it, someone has an opinion!! However, lots of information and some great photos to inspire you. We also have Pocket Guides and, more specifically, texts on *Cattleya*, *Cymbidiums*, *Dendrobiums*, *Lycaste*, *Paphiopedilum*, *Phalaenopsis* and *Vandas*. Sometimes you have to squeeze between the chairs to have a look at our collection but it may be worth the effort!

In the meantime, our Treasurer has indicated that he may be prepared to open the War Chest so funds are available for new Library acquisitions, but we need your help. Are you happy with the *General* section which covers a mixture of plants OR would you like more specific texts on your favourite orchid, other than those already available??? For the next meeting, perhaps you would hand in a note with your THREE favourites – for example *Dendrobiums*, *Brassia*, *Paphs*, *Oncidiums*, *Vandas*, *Cattleyas*, *Species*, *Cymbids*, *Coelogyne*, etc, etc. – so many. We all have preferences, mine is pendulous and yellow - personal rather than scientific!! Once these preferences are collated, we can ascertain the gaps in our Library and look around for books to fill the void. In the meantime, please feel free to poke around the shelves (all TWO of them).



**COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY (CHOS)**  
**TRADING STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF 24 March 2019 to 22 April 2019.**  
**DATE OF THIS STATEMENT 22/4/2019.**

Receipt	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Cheque</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
00/1 M/Ships	\$ 75.00			Refer Receipt Book
00/3 Hall Hire		756	\$40	
00/2 Raffle	\$ 101.00			Monthly Meet, Apr.
00/7 Newsletter		755	\$14.00	Printing Copy Centre
00/8 Executive Exp.		761	\$544.45	Web Site update
03/2 Autumn show		760,759,758,757	\$1,895.00	Prize/float monies, signage
05/1 Other Promotions	\$ 150.00			Growing Plant
<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>	<b>\$ 326.00</b>		<b>\$2,493.45</b>	
<b>DEBIT/CREDIT TOTAL FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>-\$2,167.45</b>			

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

Opening Bank Balance 22/3/2019	<u>\$7,812.10</u>	
Rec for above period	\$326.00	
S/T	<u>\$8,138.10</u>	
<b>DEDUCT</b> Exp for above period	<u>\$2,405.45</u>	
Pre. u/presented cheques	\$100.00	Chq 753,754
S/T	<u>\$2,505.45</u>	
<b>Balance of income and expenditure</b>	<u>\$5,632.65</u>	

Refer BCU Statement @ 22/04/2019.

The following chqs have not been presented: Chq 757 for \$88.00.

The following Accts to be paid: Acc. From pepperprint for \$60.00 printing.

The following monies are being held \$10.00 growing plant.

The following monies are outstanding: \$129.00 from WOS for their share of sales tags.

**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  
22/4/2019.

