



# COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

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## COFFS ORCHID NEWS – JULY 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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#### 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**

- 29 Jun Alan Merriman talk in Woolgoolga  
4 Jul Brian Heath – a couple of ways to deflask  
13 Jul Tinonee Orchids Open Day  
1 Aug Plant auction  
5 Sep Rhonda Smith – Dendrochilums, how I do it  
7/9 Sep 2019 Spring Show  
17 Oct Photography – Ian Warburton.  
7 Nov AGM. Steve McGrane  
10 Nov Woolgoolga Workshop  
5 Dec Christmas dinner and awards

### **2. JULY MEETING.**

Brian Heath will be our Guest Speaker on 4<sup>th</sup> July. Brian is a well known Grafton Orchid Grower and works at Rosella Orchids in South Grafton. Brian will talk about different ways of deflasking and caring for young orchids. As our last two Guest Speakers have talked about orchid breeding and the growth cycle of orchid plants from pollination to seed production, Brian's session naturally leads to what do we do with orchid seed once it has germinated and new plants have started to grow.

These days lots of new varieties are available in sterilized flasks and this is an easy way to obtain the best varieties available anywhere in the world. Members should consider buying a flask or two and sharing the cost with others. Brian will outline how to deflask plants and steps to take to achieve healthy young plants.

He will also have some plants for sale before and after the meeting (especially Cattleya's and Vanda's). If you want him to bring any special plants or hardware (pots, etc) from Rosella then contact him as early as possible prior to the July Meeting.

Rosella Orchids website address is [www.rosellaorchids.com.au](http://www.rosellaorchids.com.au). and the phone number is (02)6643 3544. Please ask that Brian deliver your purchases at the 4<sup>th</sup> July CHOS meeting as that will save you postage charges. There is an extensive hardware catalogue on the Rosella website and this will provide you with the opportunity to purchase your essential supplies for Spring potting sessions.

### **3. AGENDA for JUNE MEETING**

Judges –

Welcome, Apologies, Visitors

Minutes of May meeting – as printed in newsletter

Committee Meeting – newsletter

Inwards Correspondence

1. BCU Statements
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Financial Report – as presented in newsletter

Table talk –

Sponsor's Spot

Library

Popular vote, raffle

General Business

1. Tinonee Open day
2. Spring Show



**Nice to see some Cymbidiums on our display bench**

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

Ed welcomed all to the May meeting. Despite being a cold winter's evening there was a good roll up, and an impressive variety of orchids benched.

**Apologies:** John Sidebottom, Hazel Earnshaw, Judy Whiting, Carole Davis, June Kinnear, Kath Cowling, Ben Pron & Jennifer Lock.

**Visitors:** Annette Davidson, Trevor, Chloe & James.

**Minutes of May's meeting:** Moved by Leonie Everitt, seconded by Sue Williams that the Minutes are a true and accurate record of what took place. Carried.

**May's Committee Meeting:** as per Newsletter.

**Inward Correspondence:** BCU statement, Tinonee Open Day Invite. Orchids Australia - June Magazine. Taree/Manning Valley Winter Show June 20-21<sup>st</sup>.

2 Air FM Radio Renewal.

**Finance:** Bruce Hall presented his final show report saying we were around \$200 down on the weekend. This is due to seasonal conditions. The Report was moved by Trevor Bissett and seconded by Betty Pittaway. Carried.

**Table Talk:** Neville Anderson presented the table talk. He commented on Ed's Jumellea, a dainty white flower from China with a night perfume. Helen Seiver benched a beautiful orchid which she had grown from a flask over a period of 5 years. However, the standout plant was Neil McDonald's stunning Lycaste, which originated from the Western side of the Andes in South America.



**Sponsor's Spot:** Tinonee Orchids. A valued sponsor and supporter of our Society.

**Library:** Ed reminded us of the wide range of books in the library and encouraged members to use the facility.



**Popular Vote: Neil McDonald's Lycaste.**

**Raffle:** 1. Rose McKay. 2. Ann Deanes. 3. Helen Seiver.

**Growing Plant Comp.** 1. Ann Deanes. 2. Noelene Jackson.

#### **General Business:**

- Ed thanked everybody who worked on the Coffs Harbour Agricultural Show a couple of weeks ago. With the help of Woolgoolga, we put up a credible display of over 70 plants.
- Alan Merriman an expert in the field of orchid health, will be talking about orchid care and diagnoses of diseases on June 29, 2pm to 4pm at the Community Centre at Woolgoolga. We are encouraged to bring a plant along if you are concerned about the state it's in.
- Tinonee Open Day. July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> is Speakers Day and there will be some knowledgeable people there. This year we are without a bus driver and have decided to car pool meeting at the Botanic Gardens at 7.45am and taking it from there.

- Venue for Christmas Party. A couple of months ago we handed out surveys to try and find out if the members wanted to do anything differently. The Committee were aware of grumbles about Shearwater being too expensive, so we want your input as to a new venue. We are looking for your direction in this.

## 5. NEVILLE ANDERSON'S TALK

Neville started his talk with a diagram/dissection of an orchid to easier explain the pollination process. Some orchids can self-pollinate but the majority require insects of every conceivable shape and size.

Most orchids produce up to half a million minute seeds per pod! For their germination and growth to continue they require a specific fungus on which to feed. This is the reason it is hard to grow orchids from seeds.

If you want to start cross pollinating orchids you have to remember that the pollen must go from the larger flower to the smaller flower and not vice versa.

Flasking is a popular method of growing on orchids but this is best left to the experts under laboratory conditions.

If you are ever concerned with fungal disease make sure you only spray to leaves of the plant as the orchid needs its special root fungi to thrive. The leaves are able to absorb all fertilisers and treatments through their stomata.

Neville reminded us to understand the natural growing situations in the wild and if they originate in monsoonal conditions don't water your soft canes during winter. You need to physically group your orchids that require similar conditions, it makes life easier.

Neville swears by Campbells yellow as his go to fertilizer with the addition of magnesium and calcium - but not at the same time! There is a new "Campbells" fertilizer on the market originating from Melbourne, we'll try and get details and post in future

## 6. ALAN MERRIMAN TALK, Q&A

Alan Merriman will address WOS and CHOS members on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June at the Woolgoolga Community

Centre, Boundary Street, Woolgoolga (next to CEX Bowling Club). The informal meeting will commence at 2pm (and should finish by 4pm). Members are requested to bring a plate for afternoon tea.

Alan is a well-known orchid grower and considered highly knowledgeable in the areas of orchid nutrition (and fertilizers) and disease and pest identification and control. Ray Clement has described him as 'The Guru' of these areas and the 'Go To man' if they have a problem in the nursery

Alan will be happy to discuss any orchid problems you may have and suggest some solutions. Bring along your problem plants or diseased leaves (in a plastic bag), etc.

Hope to see you there.



**We had a couple of nice Galeopetalums on display.**

## 7. TINONEE ORCHIDS OPEN DAY.

Our annual trip to Tinonee Nursery (near Taree) will take place on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2019. This year we are not able to travel by bus and plan on organising a car-pool. Full details at the June Meeting and we will seek expressions of interest from our members. Tinonee has a great range of orchids and hardware for sale.

There will also be some excellent guest speakers

- David Banks
- Scott Barrie
- Sam Cowie
- John Roberts

- Michael Harrison

We will meet in the car park at the Botanic Gardens at 7.45 and organise cars, etc from there.

### **8. GROWING COMPETITION**

Don't forget to bring your competition plant to the July meeting. It was pleasing to see such a large number of plants benched at the June meeting.

It will help your mounted plant if you regularly water and fertilize the plant as it starts to make new growth as the weather warms up in the next few months.



### **9. SOCIETY PLANT AUCTION**

The annual plant auction will be conducted during the August monthly meeting (1st August). This is a great fund raising activity but relies on members donating plants for the auction. Please bring a few plants along prior to the meeting.

It will also be a chance to pick up some quality plants to add to your collection.

### **10. SPRING SHOW**

The Spring Show is set down for Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2019. The Schedule has been presented to the CHOS Committee and will be on the Society Web Site in early July.

Preparation of your plants for the spring show needs to start now by training flower spikes as they develop and properly staking the plant so it is presented at its best when it is benched.

As usual the Society will need assistance over the weekend of the Show and especially at the set-up session on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September. If you can assist over the Show weekend then please let Bob Southwell know at the July meeting.

### **11. COMMITTEE MEETING**

We held a committee meeting at Shearwater on 7<sup>th</sup> May. We covered –

- Society finances
- Arrangements for Alan merriman talk, Q&A session
- Tinonee visit
- Possibility of society offering credit card facilities
- Licensing to sell Aust. Native plants – we will apply for a license. More details later.



**Some people have this lovely Miltassia Aztec "Toni" flowering now.**

**COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY (CHOS)**

**TRADING STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF 23 May 2019 to 22 June 2019**

**DATE OF THIS STATEMENT 22/6/2019.**

Receipt		<u>INCOME</u>	Cheque	<u>EXPEND</u>	
00/1	M/Ship's	\$ 15.00			Refer Receipt Book.
00/2	Raffle	\$ 96.00			Monthly Meet, May & June.
00/3	Hall Hire		812	\$40.00	May Meet.
00/5	Affiliation		813,809	\$77.00	OSNSW, 2Air FM
00/7	Newsletter		808,810	\$41.00	Print N/Letter, stamps
00/8	Executive		811	\$100.00	NSW Office Envir.&Hert. Lic for sale of nat plants.
	<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 111.00</u></b>		<b><u>\$258.00</u></b>	

**DEBIT/CREDIT TOTAL FOR THE PERIOD**      -\$ 147.00

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

Opening Bank Balance 24/5/2019.      \$ 7,882.16

Rec for above period      \$ 111.00

S/T

\$ 7,993.16

**DEDUCT**      Exp for above period

\$ 35.00

Pre. u/presented cheques

\$ 41.20      Chq 801

S/T

\$ 76.20

\$ 7,916.96

**Balance of income and expenditure**

**7,916.96**

Refer BCU Statement @ 22/06/2019.

The following cheques 808,811,812 and 813 for a total of \$223 have not been persented.

The following Chq 757, a total of \$88.00 issued on the 8/4/2019 has not been presented.

**NOTES:**

A expenditure of \$200 for the purchase of library books by C.Davis has not been finalised (this amount agreed by the CHOS committee).

CHOS has a sum of \$10,000.00 invested as a FTD .

HALL. B.G.

Hon. Treasurer

22/06/2019

Member Name	Standard Cymbidium Hybrid Over 90 mm	Miniature Cymbidium Hybrid Under 60mm	Cymbidium Species inc Australian Natives	Laelinae Exhibition Hybrid over 100mm	Laelinae Intermediate Hybrid 60 to 100mm	Laelinae Cluster Hybrid (min 5 flowers)	Laelinae Species	Novelty Paph & allied Hybrids	Paph and Allied Species	Oncidiinae Hybrids over 65 mm	Oncidiinae Hybrids 25 to 65 mm	Oncidiinae Hybrids under 25mm
Class	1	3	4	5	6	8	10	12	13	14	15	16
BAKER						3				3		
Bright W								3	3			
HALL B							3					
Jackson N					3							
Lusted M		2										
Mayled B											3	
Murray C	3		3									
PEARCE Edward				2						2		
SEIVER H		3				2						

Member Name	Oncidiinae & Allied Species	Vandaceous Hybrid over 60mm	Vandaceous Hybrid under 60mm	Phalaenopsis HYBRID under 50mm	Phalaenopsis SPECIES	Dendrobium Hardcane Hybrid Non Native	Dendrobium AOV Hybrid Non Native	A.O.V Species Non Native	Australian Native Hybrid Inc Dendrobium	AOV Hybrid 50mm and under	AOV species over 50mm	AOV species 50mm and under	Popular vote
Class	18	19	20	24	25	27	28	29	30	35	36	37	
BAKER	3												
HALL B			2		3	2			3	2		3	
Mc Donald N		3						3					3
PEARCE B				5									
PEARCE Edward										3	3		
SEIVER H			3			3	3						
SOUTHWELL		2	3										
WILLIAMS Sue								3					