



COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

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COFFS ORCHID NEWS – NOV 2019

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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SPONSORS

CFS TRAVEL

See Julie Larkey at CFS Travel, shop 27A in the plaza (opp Big W) Personalised service for all your travel needs. 6652 6555 or julie@cfstravel.com.au

LUDO'S OLD WARES

Buying and selling antiques, old wares and collectibles. Deceased estates. Ulmarra. 0402 044601

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

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, 211 Pacific Highway, 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 or 6651 6063

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1. CALENDAR

- 7 Nov AGM. Purchasing Orchids.
10 Nov Woolgoolga Workshop
5 Dec Christmas Dinner and Awards
6 Feb First Meeting for 2020

2. NOVEMBER MEETING GUEST SPEAKER.

Our scheduled Guest Speaker for the November meeting was Steve McGrane. Unfortunately, Steve is now unable to attend on that night due to another commitment.

Bob Southwell and Bruce Hall will talk about the following topics:

- Buying a Phalaenopsis – what to look for.
- Introduction to Using a pH Meter.
- Purchasing orchids – what to buy and where to get it.

3. AGENDA FOR 2019 AGM

Welcome to members and visitors
Minutes of 2018 AGM – as printed in this newsletter
Annual Report – as printed in this newsletter
Financial Report – distributed at meeting

Motion: Moved that annual subscriptions remain the same in 2020 as for this year, ie. \$5 Juniors, \$10 Adults and \$15 Family.

Election of Office Bearers: returning officer Gary Suter to take the chair.

Positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 3 Committee Members

Meeting closed.

4. MINUTES OF 2018 AGM

Apologies: Rhonda Smith, Judy Cowling, Bill & Jenny Lennon, & Di Blay.

Welcome: Edward Pearce welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Ann Deans our newest member, Ann received her welcome package. Guest speaker Ian Warburton was also welcomed.

Minutes of 2017 AGM as printed in the Newsletter were moved and seconded by John Sidebottom & Sue Williams.

Ed Pearce thanked the Committee for all their hard work in the past 12 months.

Bruce – Finance Report.

1. Bruce explained the Finance Report and its structure.

2. Income 2017/18 \$14,422.24; expenditure 2027/18 \$16,815.93 resulting in a loss of \$2,393.69.

3. Bruce said the loss on paper is due to the fact that we purchased bags of bark and charcoal for the members and they are still being sold.

4. It was pointed out that we held 2 Bunnings BBQ's last year giving us a healthy profit both times, and this year we have not had the opportunity to hold any BBQ's so far.

5. Bruce's figures and the BCU Statements balance.

6. There is one cheque for \$1,159.50 which hasn't been presented.

7. Closing balance in our account for 2017/18 is \$6,566.38

Acceptance of Finance Report was moved by Gary Suter and seconded by Bob

Southwell to be a true and accurate record. Carried.

Annual Subscriptions: It has been decided that the annual subs. will continue at \$5 per year for juniors, \$10 for seniors and \$15 for a family. Bruce moved, Carole Davis seconded. Carried.

Election of Office Bearers.

Meeting handed to returning officer Gary Suter who announced the results.

President Edward Pearce.

Vice President Carole Davis.

Secretary Pamela Warburton

Treasurer Bruce Hall

Committee: Bob Southwell, Leonie Everett, & Neil McDonald

Annual meeting closed at 7.45pm.

5. ANNUAL REPORT

Looking back over 2019, it certainly seems to have been a great year for the Society.

The regular monthly meetings have provided a wide range of orchid educational experiences for our members. Six outstanding speakers covered a variety of orchid topics. We thank these speakers for giving up their time and providing us an opportunity to improve our orchid knowledge.

The program also included a successful plant auction and a well-received members workshop on mounting this year's Growing Competition plant.

Two very successful shows were held in Autumn and Spring. It was pleasing to see a wide variety of orchids displayed at both events. Thanks to all members who participated and to the Mid North Coast Judging Panel for their expertise and time in deciding the winning plants.

We had a rewarding fund raising BBQ at Bunnings in early January and a successful visit to Tinonee Orchids in July.

The Society also presented a popular orchid display at the May Coffs Agricultural Show. Thanks to those

members who brought along plants and donated their time to make this event work. Thanks to Carole Davis for her organisation.

During the year the Society took out a five year licence to allow members to sell native NSW orchids. We sold over fifty at the Spring Show and hope to increase this number at future shows.

I would like to commend the Committee on their efforts in 2019 and wish everyone a great Christmas and a happy and productive 2020.

Buy more orchids as that always makes you happy.

(Bob Southwell on behalf of President Edward)



The Champions table at the 2019 Spring Show

6. AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Judges – Helen Seiver and Rhonda Smith

Welcome, Apologies, Visitors

Minutes of October meeting – as printed in newsletter

Committee Meeting –as printed in newsletter

Inwards Correspondence

1. BCU Statements
- 2.

Financial Report

Sponsor's Spot – Coffs Coast Motors

New Members

Table talk – Bruce Hall

Library - Carole

Popular vote, raffle

General Business

1. Christmas Dinner
2. 2020 Judging Roster

Speakers: Bob Southwell and Bruce Hall

Supper



Helen Seiver with her Indian Dendrobium which won Popular Vote at the October meeting

7. MINUTES OF OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Welcome: Carole Davis welcomed everyone including Ian Warburton our guest speaker and visitors. Carole told us that due to ill health our President Edward Pearce had to step down from his position in the Society.

Tonight's judges for the monthly competition were Judith Whiting & Jennifer Lock.

Apologies: John Sidebottom, Edward Pearce, Rose McKay, Cathy Cowling & Dick Cooper.

Visitors: Tim Dean, Helena Axelsson & Ian Warburton.

New members: Nil.

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

September's Committee Meeting: as per Newsletter.

Inward Correspondence: Cheque book, 2 BCU Statements, 2 magazines (Orchids Australia & Australian Orchid Review), and an email from Bunnings regarding our application for a BBQ in 2020.

Finance: Bruce Hall's Trading Statement for Sept/Oct. Income - Bark sales \$175, Raffle \$88, M'ship \$15 (total \$278) and Outgoings - Newsletter \$15, Botanic Gds \$160, Trophys \$82, Petty Cash \$50 & Trophys \$55. (total \$362).

Bruce also reported that although we had a wonderful Spring Show it did however incur a small loss. A full report will be presented at the Committee meeting next Tuesday. The Finance Report in the October Newsletter is a repeat of the September figures, these will be amended.

Table Talk: Neville Anderson gave the table talk. He started with the cascading Cymbidiums which tend to grow better in our area. They have channeled leaves that takes the water to the bulbs. There was a good show of Phalaenopsis; soft cane Dendrobiums which come from monsoonal areas (dry winters/wet summers); and the colourful small Sarcocilus (local to our area). Neville drew our attention to the way Peter Baker used shade cloth to the growing medium for his orchid.

Sponsor's Spot: Tinonee Orchids are one of our wonderful sponsors. Ray Clement has been a speaker for us at least once a year and supplies all our raffle prizes and growing competition plants. He is slowly winding up his business with his last Open Day the 2nd weekend in July next year. The nursery is now open to appointment only buyers and there are some wonderful orchids available. You can catch him at the Woolgoolga Workshop on November 10.

Library: There are some new magazines in our library along with a good variety of books, avail yourself of the opportunity to learn how to look after your favourite orchid variety.

Popular Vote: Congratulations to Helen Seiver for her splendid soft cane Dendrobium Adastra mounted on cork.

Raffle: 1. Noelene Jackson. 2. Ann Deans. 3. Trevor Bissett.

Growing Plant Comp: 1st. Peter Baker. 2nd. Ann Deans.

General Business:

- 1 The AGM. We will be holding our AGM at the start of our November meeting at the Botanic Gardens. All positions for the committee will be open for nomination. If you want to get involved in this aspect of the Society, please let any Committee member know.
- 2 The guest speaker for November unfortunately will be in Spain. Bob will talk about how to use our new pH meter and Bruce will enlighten us on where to buy orchids and orchid supplies.
- 3 There is plenty of new bark available so contact Bob Southwell if you need any. Now is the time to repot.
- 4 Malcolm Ide was presented with the Betty Pittaway Trophy.
- 5 Ron & Craig Alexander from "Harbour Orchids" want to buy orchids, if you have any for sale you can see them at the Coffs Farmers Markets on a Thursday morning. Their nursery is at 66 Old Coast Rd. Korora.

Guest speaker Ian Warburton on Photography – Questions you wanted to ask.

We were asked to bring our cameras and any questions about any area of taking photos that we were not familiar with.

The majority of members were too shy to tap into Ian's vast knowledge, so Bob, Pam, Carole and Bruce opened up.

Carole had "lost" photos into cyber space when downloading off her camera to her computer. The trick was to open a new file before the download and not to delete photos off your camera until you can find them on your computer.

Pam asked what all the letters on the dial of her camera meant in layman's language, she still believes there is a lot of about shutter speed, exposure focal length. It's the reason most of us stick to auto. Ian said that practice is the only way to get around it.

Bruce asked how to clean up old slides. Ian suggested to use water with a small amount of liquid soap in it, and dip a cotton bud into the solution then remove excess moisture before dabbing gently. Use a test slide first. Pam chipped in and shared that she had cleaned film for the first 25 years of her working life as part of her job and used straight ethanol onto a velvet cloth. On reflection she said OH&S wasn't the best 50 years ago and although it cleaned film beautifully it was probably very dodgy.

Bob asked Ian to expand on the techniques of shooting objects in close up. You could buy a macro lens, or buy extensions for your current lenses.

Ian finished off his talk with a hint for using your iPhone, don't use it in a portrait style all the time, turn it to a landscape or horizontal. Your photos will look more natural.

The meeting finished at 8.40pm followed by supper.



Vice President Carole presenting Malcolm Ide with the Pittaway Trophy for the Champion Species at the Spring Show

8. COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee meeting was held at Shearwater on 22nd October.

Committee reviewed the Spring Show and listed improvements in the schedule for future shows. Also had discussion on 2019 AGM, November meeting program, Christmas Dinner at Shearwater, 2020 Plant Growing Competition and the 2020 Guest Speaker Program.

9. CHRISTMAS DINNER AND AWARDS NIGHT:

Once again, the December meeting will take the form of a members get together at Shearwater Restaurant at the Promenade, Coffs Jetty. Prior to the sit down dinner, a brief meeting will be held to present the annual awards to members. This celebrates the success that members have had during 2019 and allows all members to congratulate those who have achieved much during the year. It also provides an opportunity for members to gather in a social setting and enjoy each other company to celebrate the end of the 2019 Orchid Year.

The Committee hope that all members will consider taking part in this celebration and joining us for dinner at Shearwater on Thursday, 5th December. The Society will provide wines for each table and members will be able to order from the normal restaurant menu. The awards presentation will commence at 6pm and followed by dinner. Members are welcome to only attend the Awards Presentation if they don't wish to stay for dinner.

Members are asked to bring along one orchid for a popular vote competition instead of the normal monthly plant competition (table the plants from 5.30pm). There will be no Growing Competition judging at the December dinner.

We ask interested members to put their names on the Christmas Dinner Meeting list at the November meeting.

10. GROWING COMPETITION

The mounted plants in this competition get more impressive each month. Congratulations to all involved. Winners for

the October meeting were: 1st – Peter Baker, 2nd – Ann Deans.

Spring is here and the orchids are starting to put on a growth spurt. Your mounted orchids greatest need is water so keep it hydrated during the warm days. You might like to soak it for a few minutes in a bucket of water if the days become too hot. Don't forget to fertilize it in the same way you fertilize your potted orchids. A weak solution each week would be ideal.

Don't forget to bring it along to the November meeting to at least gain one competition point.



A nice example of a recent flowering *Coelogyne lawrenceana*

11. 2020 CHOS PROGRAM:

Got any special requests for monthly meeting, excursions, visits, workshops etc in 2020?

Let us know what you would like the Committee to organise. Our aim is to educate members about orchids and encourage members to improve their growing techniques as well as enjoy social interaction among the Society membership.



An amazing *Schoenorchis fragrans*.

12. BARK SUPPLIES:

The potting season is upon us and your greatest need is quality bark. While some orchid groups have specific potting needs, most of us try to re-pot each plant every two years. That means re-potting half your collection each year.

The Society has just received a new supply of Orchiata NZ Bark in two sizes – 9 to 12 mm and 12 to 18mm. Bags will again be priced at \$25 each. The Society does not make a profit in selling the bark but we wish to ensure that all members have access to a quality bark product that will improve the culture of their orchid collection.

Ring or message Bob Southwell (0417 695 8340) if you need bark supplies.



Phalaenopsis Table at 2019 Spring Show

13. WANT TO SELL SOME ORCHIDS?

Harbour Hybrids (Ron and Craig Alexander) are a local orchid nursery at Korora. They are very interested in buying any orchids you may have for sale and will pay you with cash.

If you can help then contact Craig Alexander on 0478 226 799 or 02 6653 6454 or email to ozziden@yahoo.com.au

14. THANKS TO CATERING TEAM

Special thanks to Sue Williams, Rose McKay and Barbara Pearce for all their efforts in organising the supper after each monthly meeting. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to Sue for the hard work she puts into preparing food for the Judges and staff at the Autumn and Spring Shows. We notice how much work you do and we greatly appreciate it. Thanks, Sue.

POINTS SCORE FROM OCTOBER MONTHLY COMPETITION

Member Name	Cymbidium Species inc Australian Natives	Laeliinae Cluster Hybrid (min 5 flowers)	Laeliinae Novelty Hybrid spotted flower non exhibition	Laeliinae Species	Oncidiinae Hybrids 25 to 65 mm	Oncidiinae Hybrids under 25mm	Tolumnia (equitant Oncidiums)	Oncidiinae & Allied Species
Class	4	8	9	10	15	16	17	18
Deans A					3			
HALL B	3		3	3		3	3	3
Murray C								
SEIVER H		3						
SOUTHWELL	2							

Member Name	Vandaceous Hybrid under 60mm	Vandaceous SPECIES	Phalaenopsis Hybrid Over 75mm	Phalaenopsis Hybrid 50mm - 75mm	Phalaenopsis HYBRID under 50mm	Dendrobium Nobilie (softcane) Hybrid	Dendrobium Hardcane Hybrid Non Native	Dendrobium AOV Hybrid Non Native
Class	20	21	22	23	24	26	27	28
HALL B	3	3						
IDE M								3
Murray C						3		
PEARCE B					3			
SEIVER H							5	
SOUTHWELL			5	5	2			

Member Name	Australian Native Hybrid inc Dendrobium	Australian Native species inc Dendrobium	Australian Native monopodial Hybrid	Australian Native monopodial species	AOV Hybrid over 50mm	AOV species over 50mm	AOV species 50mm and under	Pop Vote
Class	30	31	32	33	34	36	37	
BAKER			5	5			2	
HALL B	3	3			5			
SEIVER H						5	3	3