



# COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

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## COFFS ORCHID NEWS – FEB, 2020

### 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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#### 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](mailto:julie@cfstravel.com.au)

#### 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 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.

#### 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

#### LUDO'S OLD WARES

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

#### 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.

#### BRUCE HALL

Bruce provides the raffle items which are a major fundraiser at our shows.

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### **1. CALENDAR**

- 21 Jan Committee Meeting - Shearwater  
6 Feb First Meeting for 2020 - Ray Clement  
- 'Orchids of Western Australia'  
28-29 Feb QLD International Orchid Show, Beenleigh  
5 Mar Workshop – Measuring pH plus repotting a  
Sarcophilus and plant draw  
2 Apr April Meeting – Guest Speaker TBA  
25-26 Apr 2020 Autumn Show  
7 May May Meeting – Member Presentations  
9-10 May Coffs Agricultural Show Display  
4 June June Meeting – Dick Cooper 'Hardcanes'  
2 July July Meeting – Hans Schiabe 'Dendrochilums'  
11 July Tinonee Open Day – Bus/Car Pool  
6 Aug August Meeting – Doug Binns 'Orchids and  
Broms of Mexico'  
3 Sept September Meeting – Neutrog Company  
5-6 Sept Spring Show  
15 Oct Plant Auction  
5 Nov AGM – Dick Cooper 'Birds'  
3 Dec Awards Night

### **2.AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING**

Welcome, Apologies

Judges: Dick Cooper and Helena Axelsson

Minutes of December meeting – as printed in newsletter

January Committee Meeting –as printed in newsletter

Inwards Correspondence

1. BCU Statements
- 2.

Sponsor's Spot – Tinonee Orchids

Table Talk – Ray Clement

Growing Competition Results plus 2020 Comp.

Popular Vote

Service Awards

Raffle

Guest Speaker – Ray Clement 'Orchids of WA'



**The champion Vandaceous at the recent Camden Haven Summer Orchid Show at Laurieton.**

### **3. MINUTES OF DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING AT SHEARWATER RESTAURANT – 5<sup>TH</sup> DEC'19**

1. **Welcome:** Bob Southwell acting in the capacity of Master of Ceremonies, welcomed all to the meeting and then our Christmas party.  
A minutes silence was held for Edward Pearce our President who passed away on November 8 2019.
2. **Apologies:** Carole Davis, Jennifer Lock, Noelene Jackson, Sue Williams, Rose McKay and Barbara Pearce.

3. **Minutes of November's meeting:** Moved by Hazel Earnshaw, seconded by Leonie Everitt that the Minutes are a true and accurate record of what took place. Carried.
4. **October's Committee Meeting:** as per Newsletter.
5. **Inward Correspondence:**
  1. BCU Statement.
  2. Newsletter from 2 Air FM.
  3. Manning River Orchid Society Show dates
6. **Finance:** Bruce Hall had nothing to add to the report he presented at the AGM.

7. **Awards Presentation for 2019.**  
Monthly Comp. Awards.

**Helen Seiver** – Miniature Cymbs. Exhibition Cats. 60-100mm Cats. Cluster Cats. AOV Species under 50mm.

**Bruce Hall** – Under 60mm Cats. Laeliinea Species. Novelty Cats. Oncidium Hybrid under 25mm. Tolumnia. Vanda Hybrid under 60mm. Vanda Species. Phalaenopsis Species. AOV Hybrid under 50mm. (Shared)

**Dick Cooper** – Oncidium over 65mm. Dendrobium Soft Canes. Dendrobium Hard Canes. Dendrobium AOV Hybrid. Australian Dendrobium Hybrid. Australian Species.

**Bob Southwell** - Phalaenopsis Hybrid over 75mm. Phalaenopsis Hybrid 50-70mm. Phalaenopsis Hybrid under 50mm. AVO Species under 50mm.

**Edward Pearce** – AVO Hybrid over 50mm. AVO Hybrid under 50mm. (Shared).

**Carole Davis** – Oncidium Hybrid over 65mm. (Shared)

**Noelene Jackson** – Oncidium Hybrid 25-65mm.

**Neil and Elinor McDonald** – Vanda Hybrid over 60mm.

**Silesa King** – Dendrobium AVO Species not Native.

**The Glad Fleming Perpetual Trophy** – awarded to the member who has the most points overall for 2019.  
**Bruce Hall.**

Service Awards.

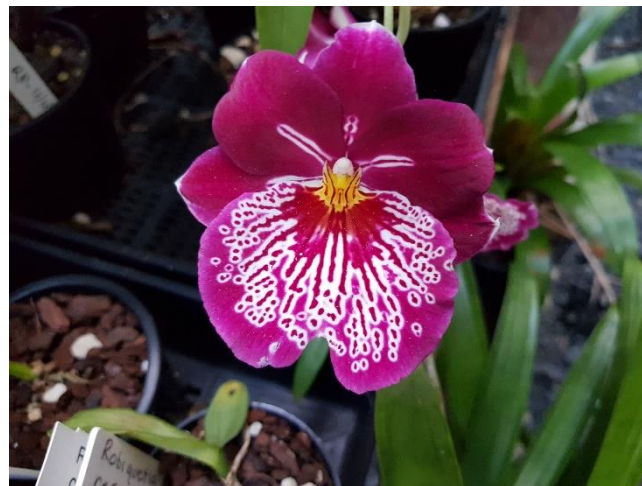
**10 YEARS** – Gloria Small, David Small, Gary Suter and Bob Southwell.

**15 YEARS** - Bruce Hall.

8. **Sponsor's Spot.** It was fitting that this months spot went to Shearwater Restaurant. The setting, the views, the ambience and the food all spoke for themselves tonight.

9. **Popular Vote** – 1<sup>st</sup> Bob Southwell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim Dean and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ann Deans.

The meeting concluded at 6.25pm and our Christmas Dinner followed.



**Miltoniopsis Breathless** – Popular Vote at CHOS December Meeting.

4. COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee met at Shearwater on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2020. The Committee approved the purchase of a new computer/data projector package. This will allow us to view the photo presentations from guest speakers without the usual stress of not knowing if the old computer would cooperate.

We discussed duties for 2020, the 2020 Growing Competition, the 2020 monthly program, the schedule for the Autumn Show and the Bunnings BBQ on 15<sup>th</sup> February.

The position of President is still vacant and from April this year we will be looking for a new Secretary as Pam Warburton is moving to Woolgoolga and has decided to give up the position. Please let one of the Committee know if you are interested in being on the CHOS Committee or know someone who would be interested. At present time there are five committee members attempting to do the work of seven persons and it would be unfair if this situation is allowed to continue

## **5. RAY CLEMENT – FEBRUARY MEETING**

Ray Clement will be our guest speaker at our February meeting. Ray will talk about orchids of Western Australia.

Ray will have plants and hardware for sale at the meeting. If you need some orchid plants or supplies then you may prefer to put in an order during January so that Ray will deliver your order at the February meeting. Check the Tinonee Orchids website for what is available.

Email is [orchids@tinoneeorchids.com](mailto:orchids@tinoneeorchids.com) or phone on 6553 1012. Phone Tinonee Orchids if you can't find what you want on their website. Don't order from the website if you want Ray to deliver at the February meeting – best to ring so he is clear as to the details of your order. If you want to be certain of obtaining specific hardware then ring Tinonee before the meeting.



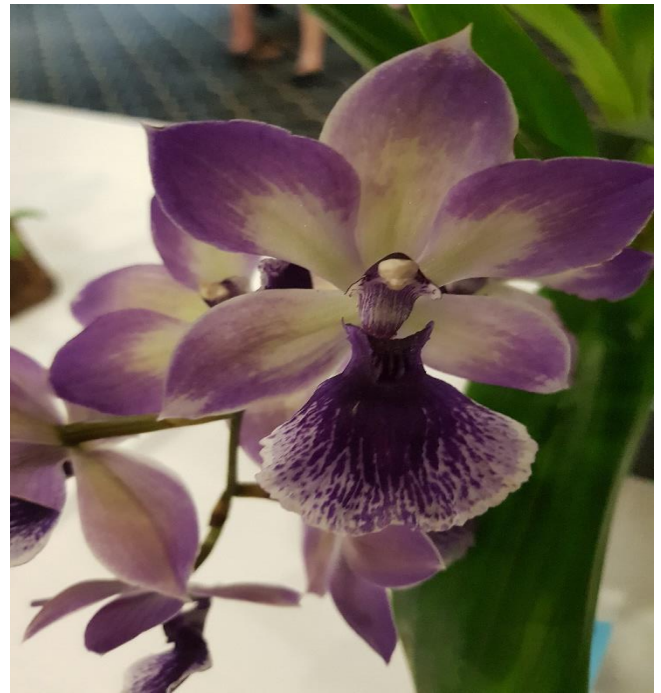
**Prag Living Five 'Red Mantis' at Laurieton Show**

## **6. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

**Membership fees for 2020 are due in February and must be paid by the April Monthly Meeting.**

Single Membership is \$10 and Joint Membership is \$15. Bruce Hall will be happy to accept your membership fee at the February meeting.

Members may wish to pay directly into our bank account. The BSB is 533000 and account number is 60050. This is a BCU account in the name of Coffs Harbour Orchid Society.



**Zygonisia Cynosure 'Blue Bells' at Camden Haven Summer Show in early January, 2020.**

## **7. BUNNINGS FUND RAISING BBQ:**

The CHOS is conducting a fund raising BBQ at Bunnings on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

The organisation is well in hand and the roster is almost complete. Thank you to members who have volunteered to assist at Bunnings. Your help is great appreciated. The roster will be emailed as soon as it is complete.

We still need some additional eskies for food, drink and ice storage. Let Bob Southwell know by email at [bssouthwell@bigpond.com](mailto:bssouthwell@bigpond.com) or send a text to mobile 0417 695 834 if you can assist.

If you are at Bunnings on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> February then buy a sausage sandwich to support the Society.

## 8. GROWING COMPETITION

Don't forget to bring your mounted plant along for judging at the February Meeting. This competition ends in April so only three chances left to gain valuable points. We would all like to see how these plants have fared during the past three months. Prizes for this competition will be presented at the May Monthly Meeting.

The Committee has decided to present a new challenge in 2020 by selecting a hybrid clone of a Sarcophilus and starting this competition in March, 2020. This plant can be either potted or mounted. We will have a potting demonstration at the March meeting. These plants may be smaller than the usual competition plant size so they will offer a greater challenge to members. Plants will be issued at the March meeting.

Ray Clement from Tinonee orchids has arranged for these to come from Scott Barrie, who owns Barrita Orchids and specialises in breeding hybrid Sarcophilus.

These plants will be priced at \$8 each and there is a limit of only forty (40) plants. This means you may miss out if you don't place your order and pay your money at either the February or the March meetings. Pam will be collecting money for these plants. The plant draw will take place during the March meeting. Order of the draw will be based on the order in which members have paid their money.

This means that last year's growing comp will be finishing as the 2020 comp begins. There will be an overlap in judging both plants at the April meeting. The 2020 competition will conclude in March 2021.

## 9. BARK SUPPLIES:

The Society has a good supply of Orchiata NZ Bark in two sizes – 9 to 12 mm and 12 to 18mm. Bags are 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.

## 10. WANT TO SELL SOME ORCHIDS?

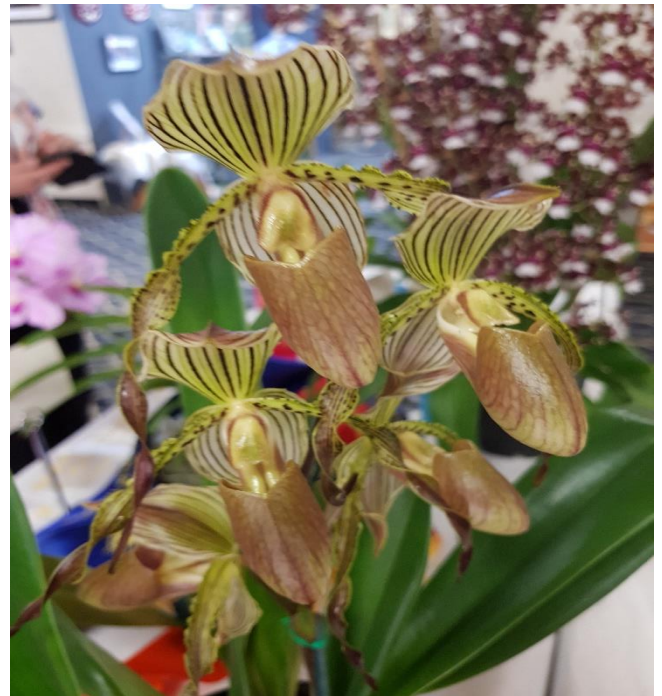
Harbour Hybrids (Ron and Craig Alexander) are a local orchid nursery at Korora. They are very interested in buying any orchids you may have for sale and will pay you with cash.

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

## 11. DONATION OF ORCHIDS:

Laurie Olsen has donated 46 orchids to the Society for sale or for use as raffle plants.

The plants are in excellent condition and we thank Laurie for his generous donation. At this stage we plan to have these on the sales table at the Autumn Show.



**Champion Paph Hybrid at Camden Haven  
Orchid Society Summer Show**



## Examples of month-by-month cultural guides for orchids

Dick Cooper

In the last CHOS Newsletter I discussed the merits of having a regular routine of things to do for your orchids. Bob Southwell asked if I could provide examples of what I was referring to and I have included 2 examples below.

The 1st table outlines my own program (it is probably more detailed than most people's plan needs to be). Most of my orchids are dendrobiums (softcanes, phalananthes and native hardcanes) with some cattleyas, oncidiums and others thrown in for good measure. It is important that you understand your own conditions, plant types and what is appropriate for those plants in preparing your own program. Anyway, for what it is worth, here is my schedule:-

Merrifert => weekly	*	*	*	*	*	*
Type*	January	February	March	April	May	June
Other Fertilisers	PN PS E CN	Pot P CN	CC PN CN	E IS CN	PN PS CN	CC E PS CN
Pest Sprays	M	C	M	C	C	M
Fungicides	F Cu	P	Bi + Pr	F	P	Bi
Other		Dol + MG			Dol +MG	
	Ch4Scale	Stake Dends			Ch4Scale	

*	*	*	*	*	*
July	August	September	October	November	December
Pot PN CN	E PS CN	CC PN CN	PN CN	E PN IS CN	CC CN
M	C	M	C	M	C
F Cu	P	Bi + Pr	F Cu	P	Bi
	Dol + MG	Di	Z	Dol + MG	
		Ch4Scale			

The letters are my shorthand symbols for particular chemicals, e.g. M = Maldison; Cu = Copper Oxychloride; C = Conguard, Bi = Bicarb+Pest Oil, P = Phosguard, etc.

\* I mark off each spray when done and place a tick in the top row each time I fertilise.

The 2nd example shown below is specifically designed for Cymbidium growers. It is based on a cultural schedule included in Graham & Sue Guest's book "Cymbidiums: Your guide to a rewarding pastime". I have abbreviated their Actions terminology to fit the schedule on one page. This publication and a follow-on volume produced by the Guests provide a comprehensive, detailed and practical guide on how to grown cymbidiums. The Guests have given permission for people to photocopy their chart and I will give these books to Carole Davis to put into the library so that people can borrow the 1st volume to photocopy this cultural schedule if they wish.

Actions	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Low N Fert		X	X	X	X							
Hi N Fert	X								X	X	X	X
Top Dress		X			X							
Check 4 mites	X	X							X	X	X	X
Divide plants				X	X				X	X	X	
Pot-on				X	X	X				X	X	X
Check 4 leaf-tip dieback				X	X	X	X	X				
Move Spiking Plants undercover				X	X	X	X	X				
Check 4 Scale				X	X							
Check 4 Caterpillars					X	X	X	X				
Snail-Slug Prevention			X		X		X			X		
Don't water shadehouse plants						X	X	X				
Stake & Tie Spikes				X	X	X	X	X	X			

**COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY (CHOS)**

**TRADING STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF 29 October 2019 to 20 January 2020**

**DATE OF THIS STATEMENT 20/1/2020.**

	Receipt	Cheque	EXPENDITURE	
00/2	Raffle	\$86.00		Monthly Meet, Nov. Oct, Nov.
00/3	Hall Hire	534,540	\$80.00	Point score.
00/4	Prizes/awards	538	\$300.00	NSW Fair Trading.
00/6	Statutory	537	\$47.00	Printing, Nov. Dec.
00/7	Newsletter	531,535	\$36.40	Print AGM.
00/8	Executive Expenditure	532	\$12.00	Christmas Dinner.
00/8	Executive Expenditure	536,539	\$180.00	Flowers, Pearce/Davis.
00/8	Executive Expenditure	533,541	\$260.00	Bank Sales
01/2	Sales	\$325.00		Bank Interest.
02/1	Bank Interest	\$92.76		Computer/projector.
07/2	Societies Assets	542	\$1,747.00	
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$503.76</b>	<b>\$2,662.40</b>	
	<b>DEBIT/CREDIT TOTAL FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>-\$2,158.64</b>		

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

Opening Bank Balance 29/10/2019	\$6,741.59	
Rec for above period	\$503.76	
	<u>\$7,245.35</u>	
DEDUCT Exp for above period	<u>\$2,615.40</u>	
Pre. u/presented cheques	\$137.00	Chq 530 and 528.
	<u>\$2,752.40</u>	
<b>Balance of income and expenditure</b>	<b>\$4,492.95</b>	Refer BCU Statement @ 10/01/2020.

The following chqs have not been presented:

537 for \$47.00 and 820 for \$35.47.

The following Accts to be paid: Nil at this stage

The following monies on hand to be banked, Nil at this stage.

**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  
20/1/2020.

