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COFFS ORCHID NEWS – SEPTEMBER, 2020

GENERAL MEETING & ORCHID COMPETITION

1st THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7.00 for 7.30 PM, UNLESS OTHERWISE ANNOUNCED
at NTH COAST REGIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS, HARDACRE ST, COFFS HARBOUR

SEPTEMBER MEETING & SHOW HAVE BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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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

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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 6053. **HAVE NOW REOPENED**



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1. CALENDAR

- 3 Sept September Meeting – **CANCELLED**
12-13 Sept Spring Show - **CANCELLED**
15 Oct Plant Auction, Etc. ???
5 Nov AGM – Dick Cooper 'Birds' ???
28 Nov Tinonee Orchids Open Day – Society Visit?
3 Dec Christmas Meeting - Dinner at Shearwater

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello again to you all.

On a sort-of positive note I have decided that the light at the end of the Covid-19 tunnel isn't actually getting dimmer, it is just that the tunnel is getting longer!! Although the September meeting has been cancelled and the October one is looking very dodgy, our Spring Show will bloom within the technological brilliance of *Virtuality*, and I suspect it will be as great a success as our Autumn extravaganza. I have a great display of Coelogynes at the moment which possibly would be looking ordinary by the beginning of September but, given that I can submit a photo very soon while they are at their best, that is a

positive Covid-19 outcome!! However, that fragrance button is still missing.



Once again wearing my **Librarian** hat, I am in the process of updating the catalogue which is similar to measure twice and cut once. Every time I think I have things in the right order, a text appears out of nowhere in the wrong place, on the wrong shelf, with the wrong title – oops!! However, I hope to have it ready to put up on the web in the next week and if you are inclined, please feel free to browse. Just because we are not having meetings, doesn't mean you are unable to access the Library. If there is a book which takes your interest, let me know and we can arrange delivery one way or another. I do have a note of titles which seem to be missing – some of them are ancient history, but others more recent so will compile a list for inclusion in the next Newsletter.

We have now purchased an updated *OrchidWiz* program which will be installed on the Society's computer and available for general use at our meetings (in due course!!), and the Questionnaire

for an Advisory Program is still open so please do respond before the closing date. Do you have any ideas of *WHAT TO DO* for our 50th Anniversary next year? Perhaps a Show and/or luncheon with guest speakers, and maybe a chance for some reminiscences and memorabilia. All suggestions gratefully received. Don't forget the Facebook page to upload photos of those really

special plants in your keeping. Remember my beautiful Acacia last month – well, after all the rain a few days later, it looked a sodden droopy mess with the weight of the blossom and has barely recovered - so rooster one day, feather duster the next!!

Keep well – and perhaps we could advertise our Society by wearing masks with an orchid imprimatur!!

Carole Davis

President



Some recent books purchased by CHOS

3. EDITORIAL:

On looking back at this past month, there appears to be a number of highs and lows.

The Corona-19 outbreaks in Victoria and the increase in NSW cases must be a concern for all members. Many of you will have family and friends in Corona hotspots and that must be a continual source of concern. We had all hoped that we may have been back together for some orchid activities by now but it is not looking likely for some time to come.

As you are aware the Committee has had to cancel both the September monthly meeting and the Spring Show. The Committee had investigated using other

larger venues for the Show but all were too expensive and there was still the uncertainty of whether we could conduct an event that was safe for our members and the community. The October and November meetings are also looking uncertain unless there is a lifting of restrictions prior to those meeting dates.

We all need to continue to play our part by social distancing, proper hand hygiene and wearing a mask when necessary.

A small group of members are working on installing a solar panel on their greenhouses and wiring the house to run a number of fans. This will improve air circulation around their orchids and produce plants which grow better and have less diseases.

It is planned to produce a report on this project for a future edition of the newsletter and so encourage members to consider installing fans in their orchid house.

One disappointment during the month was the limited response to the Committee Survey that all members received. We had hoped that if a majority of members completed the survey, then it would provide an overview of the orchid growing experience and expertise, and identify those members who were prepared to assist others, plus those members who would like some advice on orchid growing matters.

It could also act as a guide as to future topics for discussion at monthly meetings and workshops.

Unfortunately, more than half of the members have not completed the survey at this stage but we wonder if perhaps some did not receive the original survey, others may not have realised it went into their Junk or Spam folders or perhaps

some did not understand how to complete it.

As you can imagine, the Committee would like to canvas as many members as possible, and so have extended the deadline for completion of the Survey to Tuesday, 1st September, 2020. If you would rather not complete the Survey then please open it, scroll to the end and put your name in the space provided and then click on the Submit Survey button.

Thanks to those members who did complete and return the survey. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. We will inform all members of the results of the Survey as soon as the results have been collated and analysed.

Stay home, keep well and stay safe.

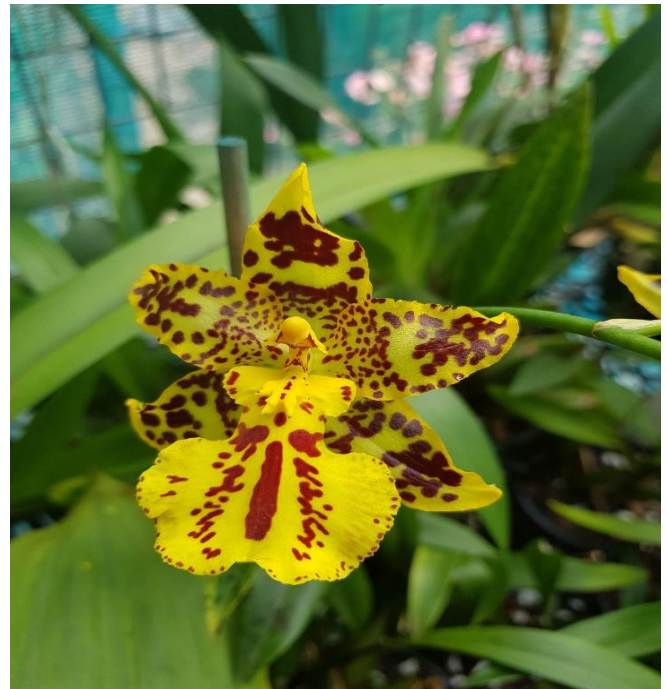
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REQUEST FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are looking to borrow a Video Tape Player (VCR) so we can view some video tapes of the Orchid Festival staged by the Society in the 1990's.

If you can help or know where we can obtain a VCR, then would you please contact Carole Davis on 02 66581354. Thank you.



Odontocidium Golden Trident 'Ian Thorpe'

4. FACEBOOK REPORT:

CHOS What's in Bloom Group - Facebook

No 'Show' you say! Well your committee has agreed to host a 'Virtual Spring Show' on Facebook. The 'Show' will start September 1st and run through to the 15th 2020. We are still working out the details, but it was decided we would use the same Sections as our normal 'Show's'. If you are not on Facebook then you can send your gorgeous photo's through to Paige and she will post them for you. Her e-mail address is paigesinclair@me.com

The rules of posting are:

- A maximum of two photos will be required. Suggested photos are, one close up of the bloom and one of the whole plant.
- Only one plant per post, if you post two plants in the same post, then we will use only the first plant posted.
- You must include the botanical name of the plant, or if not known use NoID
- You must include the section you would like 'Show' your plant in (these are listed below)
- The photos must have been taken after Sept 1st 2020
- You can post as many plants as you would like during the qualifying period.
- At the end of the period, all plants will be correlated into a poll where members will have an opportunity to pick their favourites. Each person will be allowed to pick their top three plants in each section.
- Winning plants will be announced later in September 2020
- The Grand Champion will have their plant as the cover photo for the CHOS Facebook page, and the Reserve Champion will grace the cover photo for the 'What's in Bloom' Facebook page.
- Caveat: The rules may change as we learn how to do this, remember, this is a fun activity to display your plants, as we are not able to host the 'Spring Show'.

Sections: (when posting use the A, B, C if you don't want to type out the whole name.)

Section A: Cymbidium Hybrid

Section B: Laeliinae Alliance Hybrid

Section C: Phalaenopsis Hybrid

Section D: Vandaceous Hybrid

Section E: Paphiopedilum and Allied Genera Hybrid

Section F: Dendrobium Hybrid Not Native

Section G: Oncidium Alliance Hybrid

Section H: Australian Native Hybrid Dendrobium

Section I: Any Other Variety Hybrid

Section J: Australian Native Species

Section K: Species (Not Aust. Native)

Sarcochilus Growing Comp – Facebook

The fun Facebook 'Sarcochilus Growing Competition' had seven members post on this page. (Come on everyone, there were over 40 plants sold for this comp and only 7 people posting). Congratulations to plant #39 - it had the most likes, comments and views. Plant number #26 is still the lead-plant for the August 2020 period, well done to the owner of plant #26!

Plant No#	April	May	June	July	Aug	Total
5	2	2	2	3	2	11
7	0	0	2	0	0	2
23	2	2	2	2	2	10
24	2	2	4	2	2	12
25	0	0	0	2	2	4
26	4	4	2	3	2	15
27	0	2	2	2	2	8
37	2	2	2	2	2	10
38	0	2	2	2	0	6
39	0	0	0	3	4	7
40	2	2	2	2	2	10
	14	18	20	23	20	95

Reminder if you need help joining or posting on Facebook Paige Sinclair is available to assist, contact her via telephone 0427 59 1901 and she will either help you over the phone or visit you in person. The next window to post your Sarcochilus plant is the first 7 days of each month. Just a reminder, there are prizes for this fun group, so get posting.

5.SPONSORS SPOT: SHEARWATER RESTAURANT

Enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner in a relaxed atmosphere right on the water at the Promenade, Coffs Harbour Jetty.

The Shearwater has recently undergone a revamp and is now open with a fresh look for Spring and Summer dining.

The Shearwater provides food and beverages to match their world class location. This is teamed with impeccable service from a friendly, efficient and co-operative staff.

Support our sponsor and spoil yourself by making a booking on 02 6651 6053.

6.ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES:

The Committee would like to encourage all members to pay their memberships fees for 2020 (The 2020 Membership Year ends at the start of November).

Single Membership is \$10 and Joint Membership is \$15.

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.

Please put your name in the Reference Box so we know who to credit the membership to.

Alternatively, you may wish to forward a cheque or money order to The Treasurer, CHOS, PO Box 801, Coffs Harbour. You could also contact a Committee Member and arrange to pay them cash in an envelope if you can't pay by one of the above methods.

7.BARK SALES:

Spring is almost here and the potting season has begun for most orchid growers. Many growers attempt to repot at least half of their collections each year. This is a busy time for orchid growers and the Society is helping by having a supply of high-quality NZ Orchiata bark for sale to members.

We will now stock four different grades of bark:

- * Classic – 6 to 9 mm
- * Power - 9 to 12 mm
- * Power Plus – 12 to 18 mm
- * Super – 18 to 25 mm

Unfortunately, there has been a price increase of two dollars per bag with this new shipment. The Society makes very little from the sale of each bag and the aim is to provide members with quality potting mix at a reasonable price. We will sell these bags for \$27 each.

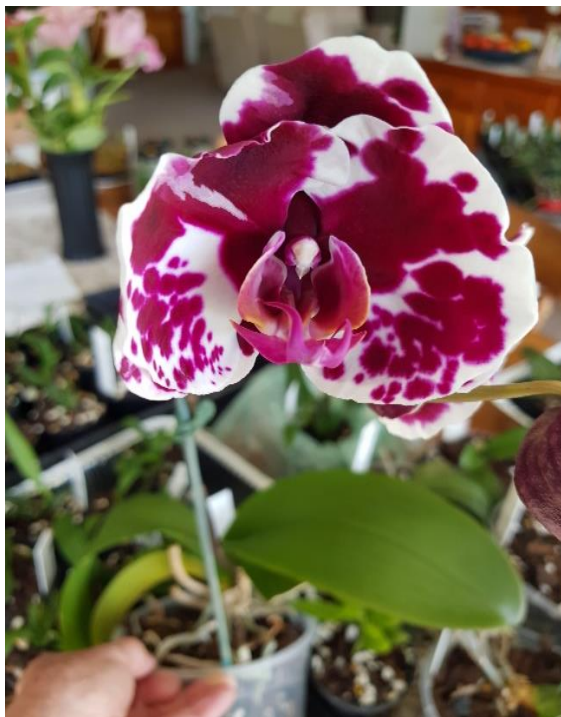
If you need supplies of bark then please contact Bob Southwell on 0417 695 834 or email to bssouthwell@bigpond.com. You can organise to pick up or Bob may be able to deliver to your house. There are only limited supplies of the small and largest sizes so get in early if you need these new sizes.

8. GROWING COMPETITION:

There are still two active growing competitions taking place – the mounted *Dendrobium* and the potted *Sarcochilus*. Keep watering and fertilizing these plants at the same time as you do the rest of your collection. The next judging of these will take place as soon as normal meetings resume. In the meantime, don't forget the *Sarcochilus* Growing competition taking place on the

CHOS Facebook page during the first week of each month All you need to do it take a current photo of your Sarc, making sure the number is clearly visible, and post it on the Facebook site. Good luck to everyone.

don't overpot. Apply high phosphorus and potassium fertilizer approaching flowering. Stake plants when appropriate.



Phalaenopsis Lianher Black Pearl



DARK STAR ORCHIDS

This is a popular local orchid nursery located west of Bowraville. Hans Schaible is the owner and operator and he is a member of CHOS and will be well known to many members. Hans is interested in purchasing a variety of orchids but especially looking for Stanhopeas and Indian Dendrobiums. If you have any for sale then please ring the nursery on 02 6564 4088.

Check out Dark Star's web page at www.darkstarorchids.com.au. Lots of orchids for online sale. Hans stocks many unusual orchids and it is well worth looking at the site for on-line orders.

9. ORCHID PROFILES – CATTLEYA

The Cattleya Alliance is a large and popular group, best suited to intermediate conditions but tolerant to a variety of temperatures. Provide indirect light, or mottled light, 50% to 70% shade cloth is suitable. Water heavily but let dry out between applications. Fertilize with low to medium nitrogen fertilizer regularly in the growing cycle, reducing this in winter. Inspect regularly for insect pests and any signs of disease. Treat accordingly. Clean away old flower and cane sheaths to prevent hiding places for scale, mealy bugs, etc. Potting mix should be open and free draining – charcoal, pebbles, etc, will help to open up the mixture. Limit the pot size to suit root volume. Don't use deep pots and

10. JOKES:

Mick, from Dublin, appeared on 'Who Wants To Be A Millionaire' and towards the end of the program had already won 500,000 euros.

"You've done very well so far," said Chris Tarrant, the show's presenter, "but for a million euros you've only got one life-line left, phone a friend. Everything is riding on this question. Will you go for it?" "Sure," said Mick. "I'll have a go!"

"Which of the following birds does NOT build its own nest?"

- a) Sparrow
- b) Thrush,
- c) Magpie,
- d) Cuckoo?"

"I haven't got a clue." said Mick, "So I'll use my last lifeline and phone my friend Paddy back home in Dublin" Mick called up his mate, and told him the circumstances and repeated the question to him.

"Hell, Mick!" cried Paddy. "Dat's simple it's a cuckoo." "Are you sure?" "I'm sure."

Mick hung up the phone and told Chris, "I'll go with cuckoo as my answer." "Is that your final answer?" asked Chris. "Dat it is."

There was a long, long pause and then the presenter screamed, "Cuckoo is the correct answer! Mick, you've won 1 million euros!"

The next night, Mick invited Paddy to their local pub to buy him a drink.

"Tell me, Paddy? How in Heaven's name did you know it was da Cuckoo that doesn't build its own nest?"

"Because he lives in a clock!"



To help the Winter Blues 🌧️😞

Two Irish hunters from Belfast hired a pilot to fly them to Canada to hunt moose. They bagged six. As they started loading the plane for the return trip home, the pilot tells them the plane can take only three moose. The two Irishmen objected strongly, stating; "Last year we shot six moose and the pilot let us put them all on board and he had the same plane as yours." Reluctantly, the pilot gave in and all six were loaded. Unfortunately, even on full power, the little plane couldn't handle the load and went down a few minutes after take off. Climbing out of the wreck, Paddy asked Mick, "Any idea where we are?" Mick replied, "I think we're pretty close to where we crashed last year."

Two 90-year-old men, Mike and Joe, have been friends all of their lives. When it's clear that Joe is dying, Mike visits him every day. One day Mike says, "Joe, we both loved football all our lives, and we played on Saturdays together for so many years. Please do me one favour, when you get to Heaven, somehow you must let me know if there's football there."

Joe looks up at Mike from his death bed," Mike, you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll do this favour for you. Shortly after that, Joe passes on. At midnight a couple of nights later, Mike is awakened from a sound sleep by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calling out to him, "Mike--Mike."

"Who is it? asks Mike sitting up suddenly. "Who is it?"

"Mike--it's me, Joe."

"You're not Joe. Joe just died."

"I'm telling you, it's me, Joe," insists the voice."

"Joe! Where are you?"

"In heaven", replies Joe. "I have some really good news and a little bad news."

"Tell me the good news first," says Mike.

"The good news," Joe says," is that there's football in heaven. Better yet, all of our old friends who died before us are here, too. Better than that, we're all young again. Better still, it's always spring time and it never rains or snows. And best of all, we can play football all we want, and we never get tired."

That's fantastic," says Mike. "It's beyond my wildest dreams! So, what's the bad news?"

"You're in the team for this Saturday."

I know I shouldn't have done this, but I am 83 years old and I was in the McDonald's drive-through this morning and the young lady behind me leaned on her horn and started mouthing something because I was taking too long to place my order. So, when I got to the first window, I paid for her order along with my own. The cashier must have told her what I'd done, because as we moved up, she leaned out her window and waved to me and mouthed "Thank you.", obviously embarrassed that I had repaid her rudeness with kindness. When I got to the second window, I showed them both receipts and took her food too. Now she has to go back to the end of the queue and start all over again,

Don't blow your horn at old people, they have been around a long time.

11. CANCELLATION OF LOCAL ORCHID SHOWS

Many of the Shows on the Mid North Coast have been cancelled due to Corona Virus restrictions. Nambucca Valley Orchid Society Show was set down for 3rd to 5th September. That has now been cancelled. The annual Speciosum Show at Kempsey will also not be held. CHOS Spring Show is also cancelled.

Woolgoolga District Orchid Society Show is set down for 10th October. At the present time that Show is still on. We will let you know if there are any further changes.

Plants for Sale

Dick Cooper still has too many orchids at the moment and wants to sell these plants so that he can provide more room to his remaining plants. Some are flowering size; others are smaller. They include divisions of some of his best plants, including flowering size divisions of a past Grand Champion.

Other flowering size plants are Cattleyas, Oncidiums, Australian Natives and Hardcane Dendrobiums. The smaller sales plants include Softcanes, Australian Natives, Oncidiums, Hardcane Dendrobiums and some *Dendrobium bigibbums*.

If you are interested please contact him on either 0402159146 and by email at origma505@yahoo.com.au.



A group of recently flowered orchids from the greenhouse of Dick and Barbara Cooper

SOCIETY SURVEY: Due date extended to 1st September. Please complete and return ASAP. Thanks.

12. KNOW YOUR POTTING MATERIAL

Charcoal used for orchids is made by slow burning of wood at high temperatures.

Charcoal can eliminate odours in the potting mix and can absorb salt residues. It can open up the potting mix and can increase the pH of the mix.

Charcoal can extend the overall life of the potting mix.

Perlite is made by heating mined volcanic glass. The glass loses water and becomes like 'popcorn'

Perlite improves aeration and water holding capacity and can open up the structure of the potting mix so it is well-drained and harder to compact.

Perlite and charcoal add to the overall potting mixture and make the bark go further. There are a variety of potting mix recipes but a common one uses seven parts bark, two parts perlite and one part charcoal.

(3) labelled as "Lc. Fishie Hoki AM/AOC."

13. MONTHLY HINTS:

WATER is essential for plant growth but if there is too much then don't blame the water if your plants are not growing well.

Change the potting medium – it must be large enough to drain water out, even if it rains all day. Air must get in when the water goes out as roots starved of oxygen can't do a good job for the plant. Remember, no roots then no leaves or flowers.

WATER on the leaves can lead to fungus infections. Air movement helps to dry out the leaf. Installing a fan will help in circulating the air among your plants.

REPOTTING: Avoid repotting in the heat - not good for the grower or the plant.

ADDITIONAL SHADE CLOTH: Helps reduce overheating and sunburn over the summer.

ON Melbourne Cup Day, OFF Anzac Day.

These labels tell us nothing about the history, parentage, cultural needs or value as a display or show plant. In terms of communicating information about the plants, the labels are worthless in such forms.

For (1) - we can assume nothing more about "Phalaenopsis NoID" except that it is a Phalaenopsis. Is it an Exhibition, Miniature or Novelty. Is it likely to be a Show Quality plant? Is it worth the asking price? Such questions can only be determined if it is in flower? But, questions like 'Is it a species or a hybrid?' or 'How should it be grown' can't be answered with certainty.

For (2) – put simply, this label is a mess although experienced native growers will see clues about its' parentage, with some juggling of the writing. All labels and anything written on them is affected by ultraviolet rays of the sun, causing them to fade and even collapse. My guess is that this label became faded just enough to allow the grower to guess the original name. It should read *D. gracilicaule* x *D. speciosum* var. *curvicaule* 'Daylight Moon' - the latter was bred by Tony Blewitt, a grower from the Kempsey region. This hybrid is *Dendrobium* gracillimum - sometimes this may be written as *Dendrobium* x gracillimum where the "x" indicates that it is a naturally occurring hybrid. However, the plant cannot be a natural hybrid because we know one of its parents was bred by Tony Blewitt.

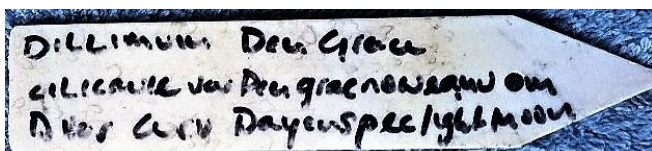
14. WHAT'S IN A NAME?

- PART TWO

(By Dick Cooper)

(Part One of this article was featured in the August Edition of the CHOS Newsletter)

The value of having correctly named orchids?



Imagine a plant labelled as –

- (1) "Phalaenopsis NoID"; or
- 2) a plant with a label like the photo;
or

For (3), with the exception of "AM", every aspect of this label name is **INCORRECT!** As an orchid name, 'Fishie Hoki' does not exist. Again this is the victim of a faded name tag. The correct

plant name is **Rlc. Toshie Aoki AM/AOS** - the abbreviation "Rlc." tells us that this plant is a hybrid between the genus *Rhyncholaelia* and *Cattleya*. "Blc." is a synonym for "Rlc". "Blc." [previously meant a hybrid cross between the closely-related genera - *Brassovola* x *Laelia* x *Cattleya*.] Now, if Steve Clemesha was still alive, he would tell us that any plants labelled "Blc." should be changed to "Rlc" because some years back orchid taxonomists decided that the genus *Brassovola* and *Laelia* should be combined. Steve would also observe that it took taxonomists over 100 years to agree that in the 1880s Friedrich Richard Rudolf Schlechte correctly pointed out that these 2 genera were actually members of one genus, *Rhyncholaelia*!

Now, *Rlc. Toshie Aoki* has never been awarded in Australia, so the suffix "AM/AOC" has to be wrong. 'AOC' refers to the Australian Orchid Council. Toshie Aoki was awarded in the USA and the awarding entity is the America Orchid Society (AOS). This means that a more correct name would be **Rlc. Toshie Aoki AM/AOS** [NB: the full stop shown at the end of the name under label (3) is unnecessary.] However, a further problem is that there is no clonal name attached to this plant which it should have if it is an awarded plant.

Rlc. Toshie Aoki was bred by Masatoshi Miyamoto, a Hawaiian master grower who specialised in producing *Cattleyas* which flowered in Yellow or Art/Autumn shades. *Rlc. Toshie Aoki* was registered by the RHS on 1 January 1980 and between 1981 and 2018 plants named **Rlc. Toshie Aoki** were awarded 26 times, but only 9 plants actually received an AM (Award of Merit) from the AOS. When I saw the purported "**Lc. Fishie Hoki AM/AOC.**" in flower it had gold

petals and sepals and a deep red labellum. Yet, of the 9 AM awarded plants, it could only have been one of the clones 'Goldrush', 'Pokai' or 'Robin' - none of the other six AM awarded plants have completely yellow petals. We will probably never know which one it is/was because this information was lost when the label faded. [NB: Only individual clones of any plant (species or hybrid) can receive an award which ensures that only the particular plant, divisions or mericlones benefit from the award granted.]

The names applied to clones - in the above example, 'Goldrush', 'Pokai' or 'Robin' - are termed cultivar epithets. This identifies the particular clone/cultivar (and any and all divisions or propagations/mericlones thereof).

Orchid breeders do not have to name every hybrid they breed - most produce lots of new crosses every year and it would amount to a lot of money if they registered every new cross. Typically, breeders only register their best plants - those they consider commercially valuable either as breeding stock or plants they want to mericlone.

To help us know the currently accepted name of all orchids, the Royal Horticultural Society (based in Kew, England) has established science-based registers for species and hybrid plants. For orchids, current species names can be found in the Monocots Checklist and current hybrid names in the Orchid Hybrid Register. These are online databases that are regularly updated - other online databases are likely to be less accurate. RHS registration ensures that there is a permanent and readily accessible record of all recognised species and hybrids.

To create a new and recognised grex &/or new genus, one has to apply to the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS). The cost is about 20 pounds sterling.

Usually, only taxonomists bring about changes in species or genus names but any individual can register a new hybrid meaning that name changes are inevitable. Any individual can also append a 'special' clonal name to a plant that they own which lacks a current name. All awarded orchids must be given a clonal name.

I have numerous plants in my orchid collection that have been bred by orchid breeders with the plants being only identify based on the parents used. Some example are –

1. *Den. bigibbum* 'Samford Good Guy x #10'- this is a cross between 2 different clones of 1 species. It remains a species but because I own it I could give it a single clonal name of my choosing. If this clone was 'Samford Good Guy' only, I could not re-name it because it already has a name. A clonal name does not need to be registered.

Some people use the same clonal name for 'special' plants, e.g. Bob Saunders, from Casino, has named a number of his special clones 'Camaroo', after the Street in which he lives, and Aranbeem Orchids has used the clonal name 'Aranbeem' for a number of their plants. 'Aranbeem' being derived from the name of the owners.

2. *Den. Alstonville Delux x Dal's Delux*. Because this hybrid does

not have a grex name, I have the opportunity, if I wish, to name it. I could call it "Barbara Kae" (in lieu of "Alstonville Deluxe x Dal's Deluxe"). and I could also allocate a clonal name, such as 'Stunner'. I would have to register the grex (see below) to do so.

3. Another plant I have is labelled Rth. Free Spirit 'Ray Wicks' x C. Angel Flare 'Cynthia' HCC/AOC [Rth. stands for Rhyncattleanthe. It was previously a Potinara but was transferred to a new genus to reflect a more recent taxonomic correction.] In 2015, Rosella Orchids (Grafton) registered the hybrid name as Rth. Rosella's Free Angel.

The impact of such renaming means that every other orchid with the same breeding anywhere in the world, should correctly carry the new grex name. All plants of *Den. Alstonville Delux x Dal's Delux* should then be labelled as *Dendrobium Barbara Kae* though only my own plant would be labelled as *Dendrobium Barbara Kae 'Stunner'*; Ed Pearce made mention at Coffs meetings that a *Coelogyne* hybrid was named after him by his father under this system.

The First instalment of the 2020 Spring Virtual Show is in part two of this Newsletter. Instalment two will be in the October Newsletter. Enjoy!