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COFFS ORCHID NEWS – OCTOBER, 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

OCTOBER MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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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 6053.



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CALENDAR

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| 15 Oct | Plant Auction, Etc. Cancelled |
| 5 Nov | AGM – Cancelled |
| 28 Nov | Tinonee Orchids Open Day – Society Visit? |
| 3 Dec | Christmas Meeting - Dinner at Shearwater?? |
| 4 Feb, 2021- | Monthly Meeting (We live in hope!)
(We have booked the Botanic Gardens Room) |

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Another Month and Another Hello to everyone.

I was going to try and **not** mention the COVID word but it does seem to be getting the better of our organisational arrangements, and I rather suspect there will be no more general meetings until next year which is so disappointing as we are missing out on our camaraderie, some excellent Speakers, and the chance to share our gorgeous plants in real life. However, do not despair, the *Virtual Spring Show* entries are now on FaceBook for everyone to enjoy, so please do have a look at the marvelous selection and vote for your favourites before 27 September. A special thank-you to Paige Sinclair for setting this up, despite the new-improved worse technology which complicated the whole operation.

I am pleased to say that I conquered said technology and the Library catalogue is now up on our Website, so have a look and if there is anything which catches your eye, let me know and we can

make arrangements for collection. Some books which are missing are listed as follows although they may be lurking on a shelf somewhere or have vanished in the mists of time. *Dendrobium Orchid Family, Encyclopedia of Orchid Species, Lycaste and Angouloa Cultural Guide, Orchids from Seed, Orchids of the Veld, Orchid People, Orchids of the World Volume 2, Philippines – Book on Orchids, Genus Dendrobium in New Guinea, Around Australia '77, Orchids – Wonders of Nature*. I haven't shown the authors to save space but if you recognise any, please let me know.

On the Library shelf is a video of the 1995 Orchid Festival held in Coffs Harbour. Thank you to Rhonda Smith for the loan of her VCR so that we could have a look at it. Really interesting to see the input of so many local and not-so-local Orchid Societies who co-operated to put on this amazing Festival. I would be more specific with the names of the Societies but unfortunately my list has gone away in the box with the video to be converted into a USB so it can be used with the Society's computer!! I think this is something which we could show at one of our future meetings, and you never know, you may be in it – or one of your orchids!!

As we are unable to have our AGM in November (due to meeting restrictions), at which a new Committee would be elected, all the current members have agreed to stand for another year, which is in accordance with Fair Trading Guidelines, but please do not be concerned about your democratic rights and the threat of an ongoing dictatorial incumbency!!

The Advisors' Program Survey has given us some excellent feedback which will be collated and the results circulated, plus it does show how much expertise we have within our Membership. A BIG thank you to Jude Whiting who has agreed to act as our Activities Co-Ordinator. She will be putting on her thinking cap about various orchid related venues/outings and any input would be gratefully received.

WHAT TO DO for our 50th Anniversary next year may well have to take place in the Spring rather than Autumn to give us more time for some reflection on this, and I am wondering if those Societies involved in the Festival may be

interested in joining us – a reunification?? You never know but firstly I need to reunite with that list!!

Carole Davis, President



3. FACEBOOK REPORT: (Paige Sinclair)

CHOS What's in Bloom Group - Facebook

The 'Show' is over - voting is now open! There were nearly 150 photos of pretty blooms posted in the Spring Virtual Show! Well over our expectations, thank you! Now you need to vote on the images that take your eye or you think is an exceptionally well-grown plant.

To vote in each group copy and paste each link below into your browser. Once the page loads, click on the images you like the best and then press done at the bottom. Choose no more than three images, with the exception where there is only three or less entries, and then only choose one.

If you are reading the newsletter on your computer - you can use the 'Ctl click' feature if the links are blue and underlined (hover over

each of the https links, then press the Control Key on your keyboard and finally left click on your mouse or keypad). Once the page loads choose up to three of your favourite blooms, where there are only three or less images in a group please only choose one.

Or you can go to the Coffs Harbour Orchid Society Facebook page at this address,

<https://www.facebook.com/coffsharbourorchidsociety>, or the 'What's in Bloom' Group, if you're a member, but and if you're not a member yet, please consider joining. Once on either of these two pages you need to scroll down until you see each category. There are 11 categories to vote in.

<https://poll.app.do/section-a-cymbidium-hybrid-sec-a>

<https://poll.app.do/section-b-laelinae-alliance-hybrid>

<https://poll.app.do/section-c-phalaaenopsis-hybrid>

<https://poll.app.do/section-d-vandaceous-hybrid>

<https://poll.app.do/section-e-paphiopedilum-allied-genera-hybrid>

<https://poll.app.do/section-f-dendrobium-hybrid-not-native>

<https://poll.app.do/section-g-ocnidium-alliance-hybrid>

<https://poll.app.do/section-h-australian-native-hybrid-dendrobium>

<https://poll.app.do/section-i-any-other-variety-hybrid>

<https://poll.app.do/section-j-australian-native-species>

<https://poll.app.do/section-k-species>

(We will get better at this – I promise.)

Sarcochilus Growing Comp – Facebook

The fun Facebook 'Sarcochilus Growing Competition' had ten members post in this comp. (That's better than last month when only seven people posted) And a number of these plants had flower spikes - check your plant for the signs of a flower spike! Congratulations to plant #5 - it had the most likes, comments and views. Plant number #26 is still the lead-plant for the September 2020 period, well done to the owner of plant #26!

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.

Plant No#	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Total
5	2	2	2	3	2	4	15
7	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
23	2	2	2	2	2	2	12
24	2	2	4	2	2	2	14
25	0	0	0	2	2	2	6
26	4	4	2	3	2	2	17
27	0	2	2	2	2	2	10
30	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
37	2	2	2	2	2	0	10
38	0	2	2	2	0	2	8
39	0	0	0	3	4	2	9
40	2	2	2	2	2	2	12

4. SPONSORS SPOT: TINONEE ORCHIDS

Tinonee Orchids is a specialised orchid nursery located at Tinonee, near Taree. They have now decided to open on Thursdays and Fridays of each week. These new opening times are proving popular with growers in the Taree area.

They also operate a popular online ordering service which can be accessed any time through their website - www.tinoneeorchids.com

Alternatively, you can ring or email the nursery to place an order (02 6553 1012 or orchids@tinoneeorchids.com). They have a range of hardware plus a huge variety of orchids with quick delivery to your front door.

Tinonee Orchids were forced to reschedule their July Open Days to 28th and 29th November. They have a number of quality guest speakers lined up to speak over the weekend. At this stage the event is still scheduled for these dates. However, a

decision will be made in the next few weeks as to whether the event will be able to proceed. If it is cancelled for 2020 then it will be rescheduled for the usual time in July, 2021. CHOS will let members know if the event is cancelled.

5. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Membership fees for 2020 must now be paid by the end of the Society financial year (5th Nov, 2020). Annual fees for 2021 are due for payment by April, 2021.

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.

6. BARK SALES:

As the weather has warmed up and Spring is here, most growers will now be repotting in earnest. Most growers try to repot at least half of their collection each year. Quality Orchid bark is ideal for this purpose and the Society provides bags of bark for members at a reasonable cost.

We 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

These 40L bags sell 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.

Woolgoolga District Orchid Society are holding (for their members) an outdoor meeting this Saturday, 26th Sept, at the sports oval near their storage container. Four speakers, small groups, bring your own chair. COVID rules apply. Starts at 2pm. A great opportunity to get together.

7. ORCHID PROFILE: Oncidiums

A very large alliance of orchids and very variable in their cultural requirements. They need well drained mix such as a combination of bark, perlite and charcoal. Some growers add small pebbles or gravel to aid drainage either at the base of the pot below the mix or added as a component of the potting mix. It is important not to select too large a pot when repotting the Oncidium. Overpotting means the mix may retain too much water and lead to rotting of the roots and the pseudobulbs. Usually it is only necessary to repot when the plant has filled its existing pot. If you wish to divide the plant then make sure you have at least three pseudobulbs in each of the divisions. Place the back bulbs towards the rear of the pot so the growing shoots have plenty of space for expansion. Many Oncidiums grow very well when mounted on tree fern or cork slabs but usually require more regular watering than those growing in pots.



Water and fertilize regularly in the growing season (weekly or fortnightly) but allow to dry out between watering.

Apply less water in the rest period following flowering until new growth is established. Oncidiums like high light levels (50% shade cloth) and grow much better and are much healthier if there is a lot of air movement around the plants.

The plants seem to have less fungal and bacterial spots on the leaves if there is adequate air movement. Spraying with fungicides such as Mancozeb will also help and root rot diseases can be prevented with applications of Yates Anti-Rot spray.

(Oncidium photos by R. Smith, D. Blay, B. Southwell, B & J Lennon)

Girls can't remember Where
they left their hair clip,
but they remember what you
said 5 years ago on monday
at 6.32 pm



Onc Twinkle 'Fragrant Fantasy'



8. MONTHLY HINTS:

Spring is potting time and besides supplies of good quality bark, you may need other items to complete the potting task. There are many suppliers of orchid products such as pots, trays, labels, tie wire, stakes and the many other items orchid growers need.

Coffs Harbour Produce and Tinonee Orchids are two of our sponsors and so it would be ideal if you check with them first. If they cannot help you then here is a list of other suppliers who all have websites and a mail order service, especially for hardware items.

- Orchidaceous Supplies.
www.orchidaceousupplies.com.au
- Rosella Orchids, Grafton.
www.rosellaorchids.com.au
- The Orchid Pot Company (Port Pots)
www.theorchidpotco.com
- The Orchid Tray Company.
www.orchidtrays.com.au

CANCELLATION OF WOOLGOOLGA ORCHID SHOW

Woolgoolga District Orchid Society Show (set down for 10th October) has now been officially cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



Phalaenopsis Fuller's Black Leopard (H. Axelsson)

9. JOKE TIME: Fishing in the rain:

The rain was pouring down outside O'Connor's Irish pub. There standing in front of a big puddle outside the pub was an old Irishman, drenched, holding a stick, with a piece of string dangling in the water. A passer-by, stopped and asked him, "What are you doing?". "Fishing", replied the old man.

Feeling sorry for the old man, the gent says, "Come in out of the rain and have a drink with me".

In the warm ambiance of the pub, as they sip their whiskies the gentleman, being a bit of a superior smart ass, cannot resist asking "So how many have you caught today?"

"You're the 8th", replied the old man.



10. SOCIETY JOTTINGS:

1. The 2020 Awards for the Monthly Flowering Competition have been cancelled for 2020. With only points being awarded for February and March it has been decided to cancel this year's competition and start again at the first meeting held in 2021.
2. As the November meeting has been cancelled, there will not be an AGM this year. Bruce Hall, Treasurer, will still compile and publish the 2020 Financial Statement in November.


This procedure has the approval of the Dept. Of Fair Trading and their ruling is that this statement can be tabled at the 2021 AGM. This also means there will not be an election of Committee in November and so the current

Committee will continue into 2021. We are awaiting advise from Fair Trading as to when a new Committee needs to be elected in 2021 (perhaps not until the November 2021 AGM).


3. The two Growing Competitions will continue into 2021 so continue to water and feed your two plants. Some of the Sarcs on our Facebook page already have two spikes so they can expect flowers before Christmas.
4. The Committee is looking at what we can do for the December Monthly Meeting. Shearwater, one of our Sponsors, has undergone renovations and now reopened. We are looking at how many could attend that venue or perhaps look at holding a Christmas function somewhere else.
5. The Mid North Coast Judging Panel is planning on holding a new Orchid Appreciation Course (see the pamphlet on this page). This course gives you a wide appreciation of the various type of orchids and what you look for when you are evaluating each plant. It can also lead to you becoming an AOC Orchid Judge. We recommend that everyone carefully read the pamphlet and consider doing the course, even if it is only to learn more about orchids. If enough are interested it will be possible to car pool and so cut the cost of travel to the course. If you wish to know more then contact Dick Cooper or one of the CHOS Committee.
6. The Committee is currently analysing the Survey recently completed by members. There have been many requests for assistance and many experienced growers are prepared to help where they can. The plan is to compile of list of experienced growers who can assist with various Genera so members can contact these growers if they need advice. More details in the near future.
7. WDOS have held a very successful outdoor meeting in small groups and rotating speakers. CHOS Committee have looked at doing something similar but it would involve having a daytime meeting, such as a Saturday afternoon (perhaps on the lawn area at the

Botanic Gardens). Can you let us know if you think this is a good idea?


11. ORCHID APPRECIATION WORKSHOP:




Orchid Appreciation Workshop



**KEMPSEY HEIGHTS
BOWLING CLUB
22nd November 2020**



Mid North Coast Judging Panel.

<p>Introduction to orchids</p> <p>Nomenclature</p> <p>Award Judging</p> <p>Paphiopedilum</p> <p>Vandaceous</p> <p>Cymbidiums</p> <p>Species Or-</p> <p>Oncidium Alliance</p>		<p>Phalaenopsis</p> <p>Lycaste</p> <p>Natives / Native Hybrids</p> <p>Terrestrial Orchids</p> <p>Display Judging</p> <p>Cattleya Alliance</p> <p>Sarcanthinae</p> <p>Dendrobiums other than Australian Natives</p>
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Participants will be:

- More informed about orchids in general.
- More confident to Judge orchids at their local meetings
- Better informed of the judging system of the Australian Orchid Council (AOC)
- More critical and confident when purchasing plants for your own collection.
- Aware of the Judging standards for each genera.
- Able to listen to guest speakers talk on various genera
- Cost \$50 (Includes All notes, Judging Handbook, Morning Teas, ...)
- The Orchid Appreciation workshop is several days in length and if you want to become an AOC judge the course is longer with a written and practical exam at the end.

To register your interest, contact either:

Dick Cooper ph 66548447 or Grahame Beaton ph 65688978

Photo below: Cym. Coroki Advent 'Bullion' (Malcolm Ide)



12. WHAT SHADE CLOTH GRADE SHOULD I USE? This is a common question more experienced growers are often asked and the answer is not a simple one as the light requirements of orchids varies with the different types. To add to the problem, most growers have a mixed collection and so a compromise needs to be reached. If your collection is large enough that you need separate greenhouses for each type then that helps in the final choice of which shade cloth grade you would use. There are three general grades used in orchid culture - 70%, 50% and 30% (colour coding of the edge stitching tells you which grade it is). Remember in Australia the sun is more severe in Summer so 70% would be ideal, however, in Winter more light is needed so 50% would be best. The answer is probably to fit the whole greenhouse with 50% and then in Summer attach another layer over the roof area to reduce the summer light level (perhaps on from Melbourne Cup Day and off on Anzac Day). If you have a house set up entirely for orchids such as Soft Cane Dendrobiums then 30% may be an ideal shade cloth grade for this shade house. Another thing to consider is that you may need a dry area for placement of plants in flower. You can achieve this with a clear plastic layer over the shade cloth layer (or you can buy plastic layers which let through various light percentages).

13. INVITATION FROM AUSTRALIAN ORCHID FOUNDATION (AOF):

The Annual meeting of the AOF will be conducted as a ZOOM meeting on Saturday, 24th Oct, 2020 from 2pm.

Guest Speaker will be Gary Yong Gee who will speak on "Australian Epiphytic Orchids"

Gary is an amateur photographer, grower of species orchids and an orchid judge. He has travelled the world photographing orchids for over 30 years. His knowledge of orchid species of the world cannot be matched. For this address he will concentrate on Australian epiphytic orchid species.

This is a ZOOM Meeting so the venue will happen to be wherever you are with your computer device.

Please email aof@australianorchidfoundation.org.au to obtain the computer link to this meeting.

You will need to have loaded the Zoom App onto your computer (Google it to download it – straight forward). Once you get the link to the meeting it should be easy going. (If you have earphones of some kind then they will be useful but not essential).

MAYBE I SHOULD GET OUT MORE.



I still can't believe people's survival instincts told them to grab toilet paper.	I'm going to stay up on New Year's Eve this year. Not to see the New Year in, but to make sure this one leaves.	If I had only known in March it would be my last time in a restaurant, I would have ordered dessert.
At the store there was a Big X by the register for me to stand on... I've seen too many Road Runner cartoons to fall for that one.	Having some states lock down and some states not lock down is like having a peeing section in a swimming pool.	Until further notice, the days of the week are now called, thisday, thatday, otherday, someday, yesterday, today & nextday.
THEY SAID A MASK AND GLOVES WERE ENOUGH TO GO TO THE GROCERY STORE THEY LIED, EVERYBODY ELSE HAD CLOTHES ON	The dumbest thing I've ever purchased was a 2020 planner.	When Does Season TWO of 2020 Start? I Do Not Like Season ONE.
Keep in mind, even during a pandemic, no matter how much chocolate you eat, your earrings will still fit.	The buttons on my jeans have started social distancing from each other.	I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6 foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are

14. What do the letters on my labels mean?

(by Dick Cooper)

I was recently asked this question by a CHOS member. At the time mention was made of letters like Lc. and Blc. with different labels having different letters on them. I provided a brief explanation but thinking about it later I thought a more detailed answer might be helpful to members. I guess most people have one or more Cattleyas, Oncidiums and/or Dendrobiums so I will focus in orchids in these groups.



Potinara Burana Beau

Odm. Purpleon 'Giant' AM-AOC

The letters are internationally accepted standard abbreviations for different orchid genera. The best way to identify the genera is to have access to a list of these abbreviations. I have a list that contains approximately 2,350 orchid genera though I have never seen most of the orchid genera mentioned because many orchids are not grown by most commercial orchid nurseries. If anyone would like a copy I can email it; I can be contacted on origma505@yahoo.com.au. I believe that some understanding of orchid names enhances the pleasure of orchids and eventually everyone needs to come to grips with the 'proper terminology' used for the plants we should enjoy growing.



Taxonomist use the term 'alliance' when referring to groups that contain many related genera, and both the 'Cattleya' group and the 'Oncidium' group do have lots of related genera.

Cattleya is only one genus within its grouping, so a broader term is used for all of them, in this case the 'Laeliinae Alliance'. Similarly, the Oncidium genus is but one of the genera covered by the group descriptor 'Oncidiinae Alliance'. [NB: This is why benching classes at orchid shows and CHOS meetings use these alliances.]

Prior to 1853, all known orchids were either species or natural hybrids. In that year, a grower managed to manipulate nature sufficiently to produce a hybrid orchid. As knowledge advanced, more and more hybrids were produced by growers with the result that today most orchids sold are hybrids made by people. In fact, many nurseries sell lots of hybrids, e.g. Rosella Orchids (at Grafton) is a large producer of hybrid orchids, particularly hybrid cattleyas.

Now, when different species from different genera are cross-bred, such as a Laelia with a Cattleya, the resulting plant ceases to belong to either genus, i.e. it is not a Laelia or a Cattleya. The resulting plant is termed an 'intergeneric hybrid' and is then placed in a genus especially 'created' for that purpose: the genus for that (and any similar) cross is known as 'Laeliocattlya'.



It costs money to register a hybrid name so the general tendency is for growers to only register plants they consider worthwhile. Others may be registered by people who buy plants from commercial growers. So, when next you come across a hybrid like *Dendrobium* Dal's Dazzler, *Cattlianthe* Memoria Evelyn Paquette HCC/AOC or *Rhycolaeliocattleya* Chincogan 'Belle' AM/AOC it is the presence of a grex name like Dal's Dazzler, Memoria Evelyn Paquette or Chincogan that indicates that the name (usually) is registered.



Ctt. Memoria Evelyn Paquette HCC/AOC

Rlc. Chincogan 'Belle' AM/AOC



To keep track of known species and hybrids, worldwide lists of all accepted species names and of hybrid names are maintained by the Royal Horticultural Society (Kew, England). The idea behind having a generic name is that plants with similar genetic characteristics are grouped together - it is a bit like a person's surname. For hybrids, it is the grex epithet that distinguishes individual plants (and divisions or mericlones of them). Thus, the C. Caudabec and C. Beaufort are both in the Cattleya genus but they have different parents.



C. Caudabec 'Carmela' AM/AOC

C. Beaufort 'Orchid Centre' AM/AOC

As indicated, the Laeliinae Alliance encompasses lots of popularly grown Cattleyas. If you have any 'Catts' among your orchid collection, you might find that the grex names on the labels are preceded with letters such as B., Bro., Brsv., Bc., Blc., C., Ctna., Ctt., Epi., E., Enl., Ebcl., L., Lc., Lctna., Pot., Rlc., S., Sl., Slc. (there are many more!). These abbreviations for different genera within the Laeliinae Alliance. The above abbreviations are respectively Brassavola, Broughtonia, Brassolaelia, Brassocattleya, Brassolaeliacattleya, Cattleya, Cattleytonia, Cattlianthe, Epidendrum, Encyclia, Encyloaelia, Epibrascattlaelia, Laelia, Laeliocattleya, Laeliocatonina, Potinara, Rhyncholaelia, Sophronitis, Sophrolaelia and Sophrolaeliocattleya. It should be apparent that some of these names are simple combinations of other names. These are examples of intergeneric genera. When a hybrid is created using 3 or fewer genera, the names of those genera may be combined to create a new genus. If more than three genera are used, it is usually allocated a new generic name such as Potinara. Some Oncidium Alliance intergenerics are Maclenanara, Wilsonara and Colmanara. In these instances, the genus name is a latinized form of a person's surname - usually the originator/breeder of that new genus.



Some of the genera found in the Oncidinae Alliance (and the genus abbreviation) are - Aliceara (Alcra.), Beallara (Bllra.), Brassia (Brs.), Brascidoste (Bcd.), Brassidium (Brsdm.), Bratonia (Brat.), Colmanara (Colm.), Gomesa (Gom.), Maclellanara (Mclna.), Miltonia (Milt.), Miltoncidium (Mcid.), Miltoncidium (Mil.), Oncidesa (Oncsa.), Oncidium (Onc.), Oncoste (Onc.), Oncostele (Onc.), Odontioda (Oda.), Odontiodonia (O.), Odontiopsis (Otp.), Odontocidium (Odcdm.), Odontoglossum (Odm.), Oncostele (Onc.), Odontostele (Ots.), Odontozelencidium (Otm.), Psychopsis (Pyp.), Zelenkoa (Zel.), and Zelenkocidium (Zed.).



Oncostele Catatante



Alcra. (Bllra.) Mathias



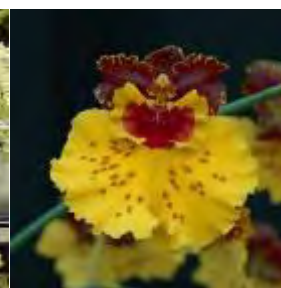
Psychopsis krameriana



Onc. (Odcdm.) Big Mac



Onc. Misaki Twinkle Obry



Oncsa. Kulnura Gold



From time to time the accepted names change. This mostly happens because scientists who study taxonomy may split or combine genera and/or species which then makes the 'old' name invalid. For example, the genus name Maclenanara has now been absorbed into the genus Brassidium. I had 2 Maclenanara hybrids. Both are (now) Brassidium Yellow Star though each is a different clone. One is named 'Pagan Lovesong', the other 'Golden Gambol'. In essence, these plants are the same hybrid, bred using parents with the same genetic history, but like human siblings, they are different - because you may never see the plant, the clonal name tells us they are different.

<= Brsdm. (Mclna.) Yellow Star 'Pagan Lovesong'

A hybrid made using two species is referred to as a primary hybrid. A complex hybrid refers to a plant that has more than 2 species in its parentage. For example, *Dendrobium* Red Emperor is a registered complex hybrid - it was derived from *Den. Benikujyaku* x *Den. New Comet* - both are registered hybrids themselves and each have 6 different species in their parentage. The plant in the photograph opposite is *Den. Red Emperor* 'B&J' AM-AOC; this exceptional cultivar was exhibited by Bill & Jenny Lennon - it was awarded an AM in October 2016. Although the cultivar name was chosen by the Lennons, Red Emperor was actually bred by Jiro Yamamoto (of Japan) and registered in 1990.



Some hybrids do occur in the bush. These are natural crosses between wild species. An example is *Dendrobium xdelicatum*. To distinguish a natural hybrid from a man-made hybrid the second name on the label is preceded by an 'x'. If the name is written as *Dendrobium Delicatum*, it is a 'made hybrid'.



Finally, as mentioned earlier, not all breeders register their hybrids. Most do still record the plants they crossed to produce each hybrid. Among my Hardcane Phalananthes I have Den. Dal's Dazzler 'Barbara Kae' HCC/AOC (left photo) and Den. (Dal's Delux x Dal's Classic) x Dal's Delux (right photo). Both are complex hybrids: the clonal name of the former refers to my wife.



The registered name of the first of these - Dal's Dazzler - was registered by David A. Littman (his initial's being the origin of "Dal's") and though the names on the second plant (Dal's Delux and Dal's Classic) were also registered by David Littman, he did not produce the 2nd hybrid and it has not been registered. I do not know who bred this plant but the breeder was sensible enough to record the plants used to create it - namely Dal's Delux and Dal's Classic. Whoever it was first crossed Dal's Delux with Dal's Classic and then crossed the resulting plant(s) back onto Dal's Delux.



Rhyncattleathe (Rth.) Evelyn Spencer x Burdekin Dream (photo at left) is an another example of an unregistered complex hybrid, in this case it is a Cattleya.

[Addendum: Unfortunately, orchids may be sold without names. This is often the case with plants bought from Bunnings, Big W, etc. The reason for this may be because commercial nurseries want to protect their investment in developing and marketing these orchids or because those organisations, the original producers or the wholesalers take the view that orchids are just another flower product so they don't really care about allocating names to plants. Unnamed hobbyist orchids often occur because the name has been lost.]

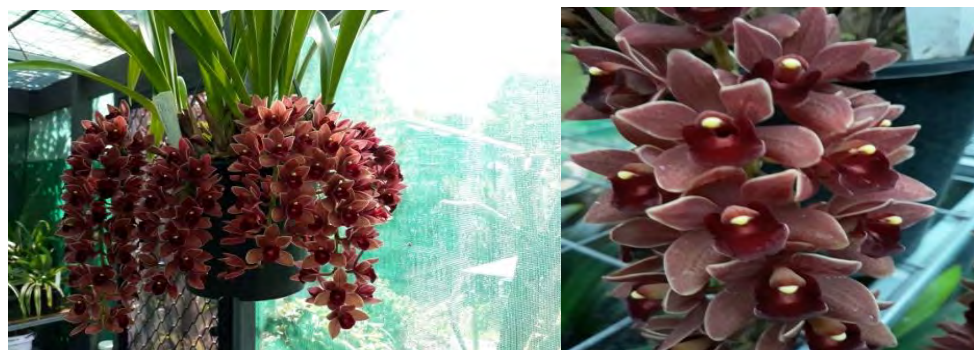
15. SPRING VIRTUAL SHOW PART 2: (A limited selection. Full Show on CHOS Facebook page)

Cymbidium:

Malcolm Ide
Cymbidium Mary
Green 'Nifty Guy'



Malcolm Ide
Cymbidium Dorothy
Stockstill 'Forbidden
Fruits'

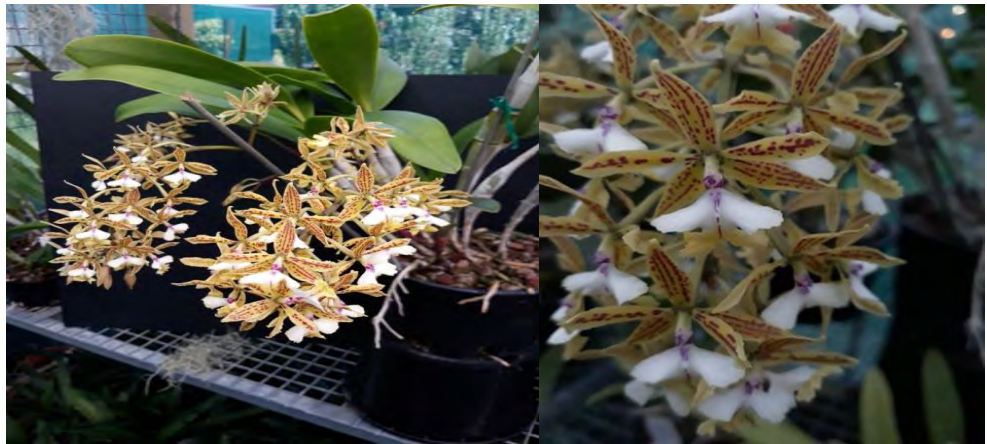


Malcolm Ide
 Cymbidium Mem.
 Marvin Gaye
 'Royale'



Laeliinae:

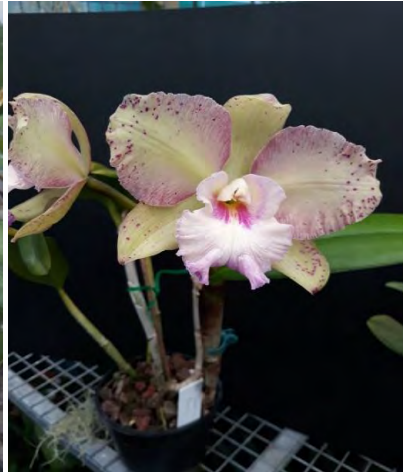
Malcolm Ide
 Epidendrum
 stanfordianum
 'Galaxy'



R. Smith – Pot. Love Tapestry



Ann Deans – Cattleya NoID



Mal Ide – Rlc. Deception Penny



Rhonda Smith – C. Summer Stars
 'Melita' X L. Slava Sulina



Ann Deans - Prosthechea cochleata



Rhonda Smith – Lc. Trick or Treat
 'Orange Beauty' X Lc. Orange Magic

Phalaenopsis:



Ann Deans – Phal. NoID



Helena Axelesson – Phal. NoID



Helena Axelesson – Phal. NoID

Paphiopedilum:



**Di Blay – Paph. Regal Venture
x New Aoc x British Bulldog x Paeony**



**Rhonda Smith – Paph. Yi Ying
Morning Sun**



**Ann Deans – Paph. moquettianum
X Paph. parishii**

Dendrobium:



**Mal Ide – Den. speciosum
Beranghi Gold x Self**



Rhonda Smith – Den. Issy's Gem



**R. Smith. Den. virginale 'alba'
x Den. transparens**



Rhonda Smith – Den. Orion x Mal Ide – Den. Cracker Moonshine V & H Magor – Den. gracilcauli
Den. Yukidaruma ‘The King’

Oncidium:



Silesia King – Odontonia Rhonda Smith – Rrm. Catherine
Kamono ‘Jem’ Tesch ‘Frosty Morn’

In the November Edition of Coffs Orchid News, we will feature the start of a three-part series from Dick Cooper dealing with Pest and Disease Management of Orchids. Part 1 and 2 will feature in the November Edition and Part 3 will be in the December Edition. With hot, humid weather on the way, there will be ideal conditions for the growth of pest and disease organisms. This, therefore, is a timely subject to be addressed.

Any Other Variety:



Rhonda Smith – Coelogyne speciosa Dendrochilum cobbiannum Maxillaria porphyrostele