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COFFS ORCHID NEWS – JULY 2021

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

THE JULY MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE DISPLAY ROOM, BOTANIC GARDENS ON 15 JULY

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SPONSORS

LUDO'S OLD WARES

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. **(More details in July Sponsors Spot)**

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TINONEE ORCHIDS

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COFFS COAST MOTORS

For Mazda and Honda vehicles, also second-hand vehicles, and ALL your servicing needs. Ring for an appointment 6652 3122, or visit 211 Pacific Highway, Coffs Harbour. You won't be disappointed.

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.



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CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

*The Society has had a change of email address. It is now:
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1. CALENDAR, 2021

- 3 July – Final Open Day, Tinonee Orchids. Visit
- 15 July – Monthly Meeting. Hans Schiabe -
“Dendrochilums”
- 5 Aug – Monthly Meeting. Doug Binns –
“Orchids and Broms of Mexico”
- 14 Aug – Bunnings Fund Raising BBQ
- 2 Sept – Monthly Meeting. Bruce Hall –
“Preparing Plants for the Spring Show”
- 11-12 Sept – Spring Show (Set-up on 10/9)
- 7 Oct – Monthly Meeting. Plant Auction
- 16 Oct – 50th Anniversary Luncheon at Opal Cove
Guest Speaker – Jody Cutajar
- 4 Nov – AGM/Monthly Meeting. Elections.
Dick Cooper “Birds”
- 14 Nov - WDOS Workshop. TBC
- 2 Dec – Christmas Awards & Presentation at
Green House Tavern, Coffs Harbour.
- 3 Feb, 2022 - TBA

(2) EDITORIAL:

Every Society or Community Group does not get the opportunity to celebrate fifty years since their inception. For the Coffs Harbour Orchid Society that honour occurs this year and the 50th Anniversary celebrations have been set down for Saturday, 16th October, 2021. The Society did exist prior to 1971 but it was a part of the Coffs Harbour Horticultural Society and it wasn't until 1971 that it became a separate organisation.

We have booked Opal Cove for a luncheon event, engaged a Guest Speaker and planned a number of activities to occur throughout the event.

Entry to the luncheon will be by tickets purchased prior to the event. These are being subsidised by the Society and will go on sale during July at \$25 per person. Spouses and partners are welcome to attend the event. More details are given later in this newsletter and more information will be available in future editions.

I would now like to talk about a topic which many members prefer not to think about or make any plans to address. We often hear of members who have passed away and the remaining family has the complicated issue of disposing of the members orchids, hardware, greenhouse, reference material, etc. In many cases the family leaves the plants where they are, almost as if they don't want to disturb their recently passed loved-ones lifetime work. Perhaps they add some water occasionally or make sure the automatic watering system continues to operate. Over time these orchids will require regular fertilizing, they must be checked and treated for diseases and pests, they may need to be divided and they will certainly need repotting in the future. If these basic tasks are not carried out then the neglected orchids will gradually deteriorate and will be of little value to anyone.

Local orchid nurserymen such as Hans Schaible and Ray Clement have often made me aware of this situation. Eventually the family will decide they need help to do something with the remaining orchids and they contact a local nursery, or the local Orchid Society or they have a Garage Sale for the plants. By this time the plants are not in good condition, many are diseased and unattractive to buyers.

On a number of occasions members of the public have contacted me two or three years after the orchid grower had died and asked for advice on what to do and would the Society be interested in buying some orchids or even just take them off their hands. In the majority of cases the plants were beyond being reclaimed and I have always thought it was such a pity to see these once magnificent plants go to waste and how disappointed the deceased orchid enthusiast would be if he or she could see the state their plants were now in.

The solution is to think ahead and be prepared for such an event. Death is sometime predictable and so arrangements can be made while the plants are still in a presentable state. However, in many cases death is unexpected and family members don't know what to do or don't want to face the task of disposal of their loved one's favourite plants or their grief is such that they don't want to part with the beloved plants.

All members should make an effort to address this issue. Discuss it with your closest family members and perhaps come up with an Action Plan should the worse scenario occur. You could bequeath them to your friends; you could donate them to a local orchid society and you could contact a local orchid nursery who more than likely will be very interested in purchasing plants in good condition. Leave the plants for six to twelve months and these organisations may no longer be able to assist you. The other situation that often occurs is that some members may become terminally ill and so they are unable to care for their orchids between their diagnosis of their illness and their passing. Their orchids suffer from a lack of attention and TLC and their value decreases rapidly. Here again, if there was a plan in place, the orchids could be disposed of early and retain some reasonable value to those who received or purchased them.

Hope to see you take part in the Society visit to Tinonee Orchid Nursery Open Day on Saturday, 3rd July. This is the last Tinonee Open Day and should be a memorable event. See you at Tinonee.

And remember "You Can Never Have Enough Orchids"!

Bob Southwell. Editor

(3) MONTHLY MEETINGS:

After a very successful June meeting which returned to the pre-Covid format, the Committee has decided to continue with the full meeting structure. Guest Speaker will be Hans Schaible from Dark Star Orchids. Hans will have a photographic display of Dendrochilum orchids. These are becoming increasingly popular and many are easy to grow in the Coffs Harbour climate. There are at least five basic species of Dendrochilums that all growers should strive to have. Hans will have plants for sale and among them will be a number of Dendrochilum species.

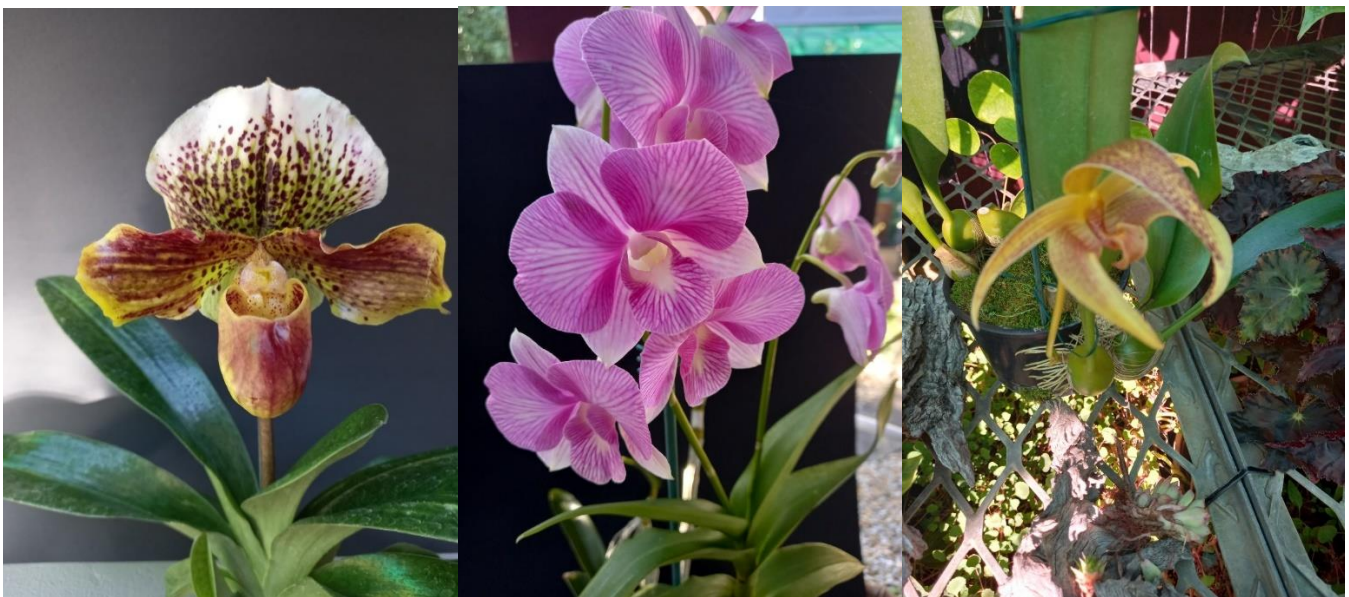
Once again members are asked to bring along orchids for the monthly competition. Last month had a really wonderful display, which was good to see after 18 months of non-competition. Monthly judges will be Rhonda Smith and Malcom Ide.

Members are also asked to bring their Sarcochilus Growing Competition plant to the July meeting for judging. We plan to issue name tags and the library will be open for borrowing of books.

Once again Supper will be served just before the Guest Speaker talks. Members are requested to bring a plate. Coffee and tea will be served in disposable cups.

There are a number of Covid-19 rules that we need to adhere to so we comply with Government Regulations. These Covid-19 rules are:

- Members to enter through the metal security gates. Do not use the side door. Maintain Social Distancing if there are other members present.
- Use the Hand Sanitiser supplied.
- Each member to sign in with name and contact phone number.
- Seats will be positioned 1.5 metres apart. Family members, and those that have travelled together, may sit closer together but all others are to maintain the 1.5m distance. Members are asked not to stand around taking but to stay seated wherever possible.
- We ask that you wipe over your seat at the end of the meeting. Antiseptic wipes will be provided for this purpose.
- **If you have any Covid-19 symptoms please do not attend the meeting.**



Malcolm Ides plants benched at the June Meeting:

Left: *Paph. Yi-ying tricolor 'Crystal'*

Centre: *Den. Pink Bonjour*

Right: *Bulb. polystriatum x B. Wilmar Galaxy Star*

4. AGENDA FOR THURSDAY 15TH JULY MEETING:

- (1) Welcome / Covid-19 procedures (Judges: Rhonda Smith and Malcolm Ide)
- (2) Apologies
- (3) Minutes of June, 2021, Meeting – as printed in newsletter
- (4) Correspondence - Paige
- (5) Finance Report - Bruce
- (6) Sponsors Spot – Shearwater Restaurant
- (7) Table Talk
- (8) Popular Vote
- (9) Judging of Sarco Comp Plant
- (10) Raffle – Judith
- (11) Presentation to New Members
- (12) General Business – 50th Anniverary Luncheon Tickets
- Other General Business

(13) Supper Break – 15 minutes

(14) Guest Speaker – Hans Schaible from Dark Star Orchids – “Dendrochilums”

(15) Please clean your seat with the wipes provided.



Malcolm Ide's Champion Paph



Carole presenting Malcolm with the Edward Pearce Memorial Shield at CHOS Autumn Show



Malcolm's Champion Bulbo

5. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT:

The June Committee Meeting was held on 8th June, 2021.

Topics discussed included:

- 50th Anniversary Luncheon – Discussion of details and update of budget. Tickets will be on sale from the 15th July (July Meeting) at a subsidised price of \$25 per person. Advertising posters will be available shortly.
- Spring Show Schedule discussed. Schedule presented for approval. Show will be held on 11th and 12th Sept, 2021.
- Green Information Pamphlet is being updated and should be printed during August in time for the Spring Show.
- The Society plans to visit Tinonee Orchid Nursery for their Open Day on Saturday, 3rd July. Paige Sinclair will advise members of the car pool arrangements.
- A member's survey is to be prepared for completion during a future monthly meeting.
- Next Bunnings Fund Raising BBQ will be held on Saturday, 14th August. Paige Sinclair to seek member assistance to conduct the event.
- Special Committee Meeting to be held on 6th July to discuss future directions for CHOS.
- Next Committee Meeting on 20th July.

Hans Schaible from Dark Star Orchids at Bowraville will be the guest speaker at our 15th July Meeting. Hans will give a photo presentation on Dendrochilum orchids. He will have a variety of plants for sale on the night.

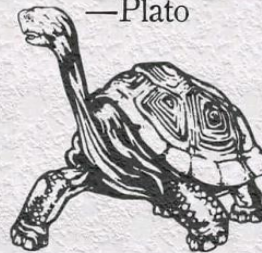
Check out the Dark Star website at www.darkstarorchids.com.au. There is an extensive list of plants available which can be ordered online or you can ring the nursery on 02 6564 4088 and speak to either Hans or Sue Daniels. You may wish to put in a special order and have Hans deliver it freight free to you at the July meeting.

"nothing is so
necessary for a man
as the company of
intelligent women"

- Leo Tolstoy

Never
discourage anyone who
continually makes progress,
no matter how slow.

—Plato



6. **FACEBOOK REPORT:** (Paige Sinclair)

Coffs Harbour Orchid Society Facebook June 2021 – Currently, the society has 130 likes and 143 followers on our Facebook page. This is up by 13 people for the May 2021 period. Results from the Advertisement placed on Facebook New Members Total Cost \$23.99 Event Responses – 4; Reach - 825; Cost Per Event Response - \$5.46 This ad reached 825 people in our audience, which was 50km radius from Coffs Harbour. Made up of 85.8% Women and 14.2% Men New members - 1

What's in Bloom Facebook Page: May 2021 saw only 36 posts from our members of Orchid blooms. Neil McDonald's name was drawn out of the bag to receive the 5 additional raffle tickets.

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

Book a table at Shearwater and find out what is special about eating at this Coffs Icon.

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



CHOS SPRING SHOW, 2021

SATURDAY 11TH TO SUNDAY 12TH SEPT. SET-UP ON FRIDAY 10TH SEPT – 1PM

8. TINONEE NURSERY OPEN DAY VISIT:

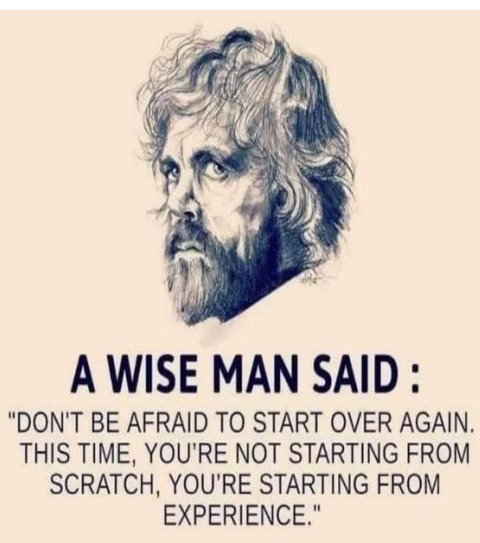
If you are interested in going to the Tinonee Orchid Workshop on the 3rd of July, please RVSP to me before the end of June 2021. Details are below.

You can reply directly to this email, or give me a call on 0427 59 1901. The plan is to meet at the Botanic Garden's car park at 7:00am and car pool to the nursery. The trip is approximately a two-and-a-half-hour drive, which will get us there in time for the start of the speaker program at 10.00am.

Please indicate if you would be willing to drive and how many passengers you can accommodate. Passengers, please offer to help out with the cost of petrol.

Should be an excellent day trip, and I am looking forward to the outing.

Paige Sinclair – Secretary, Coffs Harbour Orchid Society



Malcolm Ides Bc. Marg Putman and Cym. Melanie 'Golden Girl'

Tinonee Workshop will be held on
Saturday 3rd July 2021

10am - 3pm

Great line up of knowledgeable Orchid growers.

. . . . then on
Sunday 4th July 2021

Open Day

Gates open at 8am - Show opens at 10am

Light refreshments and food will be available all day.

Help us to support Retina Australia through our raffles.

Lots of flowering plants available on the day.

Contact the Nursery for more information 02 6553 1012
or 0448 531012 or orchids@tinoneeorchids.com

9. BARK SALES:

The Society stocks 40 litre bags of NZ Orchiata Bark selling at \$27 each and 35 litre bags selling at \$26 each. There are four sizes – 6 to 9mm; 9 to 12mm; 12 to 18mm and 18 to 25mm. Contact Bob Southwell on 0417 695 834 or email bssouthwell@bigpond.com. Remember if you desire quality plants then always use quality potting mix. New stock just arrived. Get in early and finish your potting before the cooler weather sets in. Remember, in general terms, most orchids should be repotted every two years but some, such as Phalaenopsis, respond well to repotting every year. Bob can often deliver to your house. Give him a call this week.

DISTRICT SHOW DATES FOR AUTUMN, 2021

For more information Google the Orchid Society name

Macleay Valley OS – 28th August – Kempsey Heights Bowling Club, Polwood St, Kempsey.

Nambucca Valley OS – 2nd to 4th Sept – Nambucca Seniors Hall, Nambucca Heads.

Kempsey Speciosum Show - 4th Sept – Alverton Street, Greenhill, Kempsey.

Coffs Harbour OS – 11th – 12th Sept – Coffs Botanic Gardens.



From Rhonda Smith: Left and Centre – *Gongora grossa* Right: *Cattlianthe* Candy Ball 'Happy Child'

10. JOKE TIME:

- (A) They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.
- (1) The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
 - (2) Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
 - (3) The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water'. The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus'.
 - (4) Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
 - (5) Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
 - (6) Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
 - (7) For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
 - (8) Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
 - (9) Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
 - (10) Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
 - (11) The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

- (12) This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- (13) The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
- (14) Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

(B) This happened yesterday and is important information for our age group.

A friend had his 2nd dose of the vaccine at the vaccination centre after which he began to have blurred vision on the way home.

When he got home, he called the vaccination centre for advice and to ask if he should go see a doctor, or be hospitalized.

He was told NOT to go to a doctor or a hospital, but just return to the vaccination centre immediately and pick up his glasses.

(C) One day, the Churchill couple walked through a posh neighbourhood in London. People greeted and exchanged words with the Prime Minister.

A street sweeper, on the other hand, greeted Mrs. Churchill in particular, and the two stayed aside for a while in a familiar conversation. Churchill then asked his wife what she had had to discuss with a street sweeper for so long. "Ah... he was in love with me a long time ago," she said.

Churchill smiled and said, "You see, if you had married him, you would be the wife of a street sweeper today."

Mrs Churchill looked at her husband in amazement and said the legendary words: "But no Darling, if I had married him, he would be Prime Minister today."



11. A SELECTION OF ORCHIDS THAT RECENTLY CAUGHT MY EYE

By Dick Cooper

I am not a regular Facebook viewer but recently I looked at the CHOS What's in Bloom Facebook page. If you want to see what CHOS members have in flower at any time, this is certainly a great place to check out.

Here are some of the beautiful orchids that caught my eye on the CHOS Facebook page last time I looked.

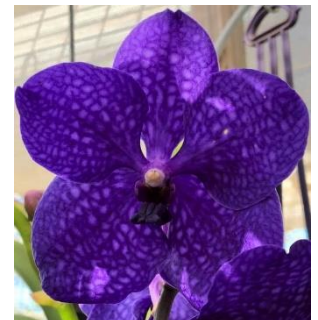
John Cornale posted a huge number of photos displaying the entrants in the Autumn Nambucca Valley OS show. A couple of John's photos were of 2 different plants of *Brassocatanthe* (*Bct.*) Little Mermaid 'Janet' AM/AOS. These are mericlones of the original awarded plant (the AM being granted by the American Orchid Society). As well as the orchids presented in John's post, Paige Sinclair posted her *Bct.* Little Mermaid 'Janet' AM/AOS. As the photos below show, these are strikingly different plants despite being copies of the same orchid.



The difference in the first two plants is largely because they were grown under differing light conditions. The light has altered the flower colour. The first plant has been grown in higher light than the second one. The first one is similar to photos of the originally awarded plant.

Although Paige's flower has been influenced by its light situation, the most striking feature (to me) is the volume of spotting of the whole flower. I can detect a few spots on the petals of the middle (dark) flower while those on the petals of the first plant are more obvious, But, ignoring the damage markings on Paige's plant, it is heavily spotted by comparison with the others and looks quite dissimilar. It also seems to show a strong yellow colour on the inner section of the labellum. I don't think this is caused by the amount of light in which the plant has been grown and I can't explain why the flower on Paige's plant is so unlike the other 2 Little Mermaids. I also looked at ~20 other Little Mermaids and most are comparable to the first 2 plants though a few had more pinkish tones like the flower on Paige's plant. My own plant is yet to flower but I will be happy if it turns out like any one of these.

Paige also posted a stunning *Vanda* (*V.*) Pachara Delight 'Blue'. The parents of this are *V. Karulea* x *V. Gordon Dillon*, both of which have the species *V. coerulea* in their background. The shape of Pachara Delight is comparable with this species and, as its' name indicates, *V. coerulea*, has blue flowers, though not as dark as the photographed flower which is influenced by other species in the breeding.



Neville Anderson has mentioned at some meetings that *V. coerulea* and any Vandaceous hybrids bred from this species are well suited to the climate of the Coffs Coast. These plants like high light, a temperature range comparable to the typical Coffs climate and lots of water during late Spring and Summer. If you purchase one, you can expect to have as many as 10-13 large flowers. By large, I mean around 10 cm.

In another post, Carole Davis asked if anyone knew the correct name of this Vandaceous hybrid. Carole thought the name was Meur L Velthuis x Hil Sky Pink Delight but Google had been no help to identifying the name for her.

To ID orchids I do not recommend relying on a direct search of Google (much information is out-of-date, some is inaccurate or plain wrong). If using the internet, it is better to access the RHS registered orchid hybrid or species websites which are constantly kept up-to-date by professionals. In any case, Carole's name was not accurate making it hard for Google or even the RHS sites to find it. Using the program Orchidwiz (a copy of which is held by CHOS), I was able to advise Carole that her plant was an unregistered hybrid with the name *Papilionanda* Merv. L. Velthuis x Hilo Sky 'Pink Delight'. *Papilionanda* can be abbreviated as *Pda*.

As I mentioned in articles I wrote last year about orchid names, clonal names are always contained within single inverted commas, meaning that 'Pink Delight' is a clonal name. Similarly, 'Janet' is the clonal name for the *Bct.* Little Mermaid plants and 'Blue' is the clonal name for the *V.* Pachara Delight discussed earlier.

As a suggestion to newer growers, it is a good idea to keep a record of all your orchids. The simplest way is to use an exercise book though some people maintain a record on their mobile phones. There are apps that facilitate this. Then whenever you buy a plant, add it to your records. If you are really keen, you can put a small numbered label in each pot that cross-references the pot/plant to your records.

Finally, people may know that I grow several *Dendrobium bigibbum*. I use to think I should be able to grow them better: now I know I should! On 9 March, Noelene Jackson posted an awesome *Den. bigibbum* var. *compactum*. I counted 65 flowers and 22 buds and I am certain I missed quite a few. Well done, Noelene - I, for one, am envious.



(12) HOW MUCH RAIN IS TOO MUCH?

By Dick Cooper

Between the start of December 2020 and now, we've had a lot of rain. In fact, at my home I recorded 1.76 metres of the stuff. Don't get me wrong, rain is good but rain combined with overcast conditions, lots of humidity and fluctuating temperatures, can upset the usual growing season for orchids. The result is that some plants flower early, others are slow to flower. I suspect that a good number of local growers had similar experiences because the orchid shows I have attended had fewer plants benched and the overall quality was down too.

One thing I experienced at that time was an increase in the major pests - a consequence of the extended warm and humid conditions. Such circumstances can also attract bacterial rots and fungal issues as well other pests. How to deal with them?

If your shade house/growing area is exposed to the elements or if you are having trouble with rots or root fungi, try the following. Repot plants into smaller pots, ie. if you have an orchid in a 175 ml pot, see if you can fit it into 150ml pot. Smaller is good: squat pots are often better. Use a fresh mix. Avoid or minimise any materials intended at assisting bottom drainage - good air and good ventilation through the media is needed now. Remove any dead or dying roots and give plants a drench with AUXINONE® at 1.5ml per litre. This is a root promotant (or a similar root promotant). Drench again about every ten days until new roots appear. Also keep plants under 50% shade. Avoid fertilising until about 6 weeks after new roots appear, then use Campbell's Yellow or similar at one teaspoon/9 litre watering, about every 3 to 4 weeks.

If the plants can't be 'potted down', then you should still consider repotting in fresh mix, removing dead or dying roots, to provide better ventilation and air circulation within the media.

If plants are in good condition, with no sign of rot, fungal issues or dead/dying roots, then continue your normal cultural program.

If you are a new grower, do not use different mixes - unless you want problems! And, don't be heavy handed with the fertiliser - if using Campbell's Yellow as your main fertiliser, apply at a limit of 5 grams/9 litre.

What should new growers start off with?

Here are some suggestions:

- 1) CAMPBELLS YELLOW fertiliser - this will give you enough nutrients;
- 2) a small pack of MANCOZEB (a fungicide for the leaves);
- 3) a small bottle of PHOSACID (or ANTI ROT) - a fungicide for root rots;
- 4) a small bottle of a wetting agent;
- 5) a small pack of MAGNESIUM SULPHATE (Epsom Salts); and
- 6) some CALCIUM NITRATE.

Most of these products are available from Bunnings or other hardware stores. It is best not to mix products. The fertilizers in 1), 5) and 6) are available through WDOS who have a general blended fertiliser consisting of Campbell's Yellow and Magnesium Sulphate.

If using Magnesium Sulphate separately, apply at 2-2.25 gram/9 litre container. Limit Calcium Nitrate to once/month at 10-15 grams/9 litres. Cymbidiums will accept higher nitrogen fertilisers but don't use them on other orchids.

Always use good quality orchid bark. I recommend adding charcoal; some people also use perlite. WDOS, CHOS and Nambucca Valley OS all sell good bark. WDOS also sells charcoal and perlite.

13. CHOS 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This year marks fifty years since the Coffs Harbour Orchid Society separated from the Coffs Horticultural Society in 1971 and became a stand-alone organisation.

We plan to mark this event with a luncheon at Opal Cove Resort on Saturday, 16th October, 2021. Tickets will be subsidised by the Society and priced at \$25 each per person. Spouses and Partners are welcome to attend at the subsidised price. The tickets have now been printed and will be available for purchase from the 15th July meeting. Each ticket is numbered and a Lucky Door Draw will occur during the luncheon. It is expected that the tickets will sell quickly so you should purchase yours early.

Highly qualified orchid judge and experienced grower, Jody Cutajar, has agreed to be the guest speaker at the luncheon event. Jody will present an illustrated talk on the Orchids of Brazil.

More details of the 50th Anniversary will be provided in future editions of the newsletter and on our website.



14. BUNNINGS FUND RAISING BBQ:

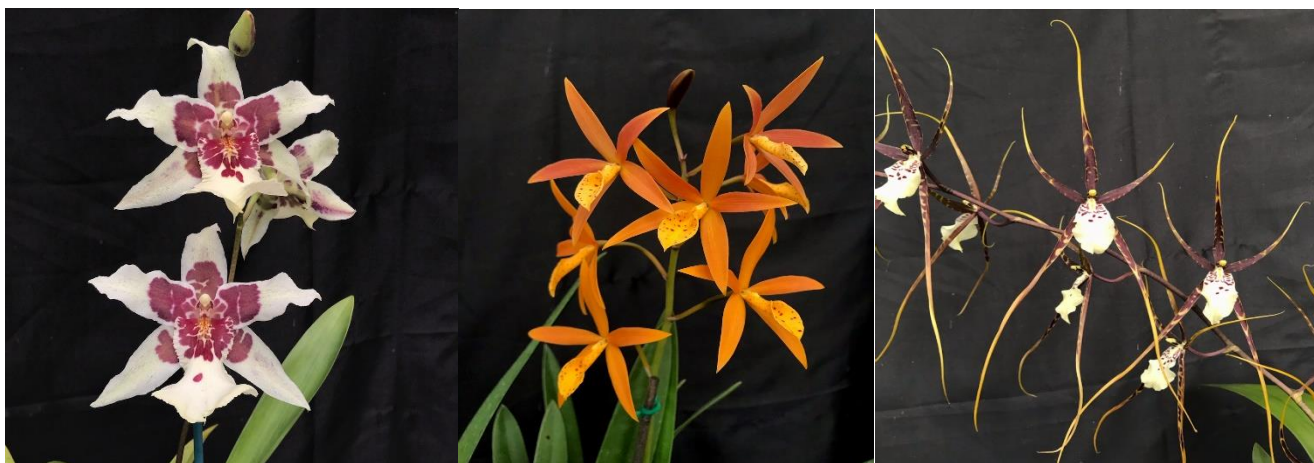
Money is a constant need for any Society that wishes to do things for their membership. There are many ongoing running costs that need to be covered in a twelve month period in the life of a Society. Raffles, Membership Fees, Donations and plant sales cover many of these but events such as the Bunnings Sausage Fund Raising Events are major ones in the life of this Society.

The next Bunnings BBQ will be conducted by the CHOS on Saturday, 14th August.

Paige Sinclair is heading up the organisation for this event and is seeking volunteer members to assist for a short shift during the day. Please contact Paige if you can assist on the day.

Mobile Phone: 0427 591 901

Email: paigesinclair@me.com



From Rhonda Smiths Orchid Collection:

L to R: Onc. Chian-Tzy Chiou Pin 'Chian-Tzy Hanabi'/ Procatavola Golden Peacock /Mtsdsa. Kauai's Choice 'Tropical Fragrance'