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1. EDITORIAL:

We are all looking forward to catching up with Society members during the 50th Anniversary Celebrations at Opal Cove Resort on Saturday, 2nd April. To date we have sold about forty tickets which is a little disappointing as we had hoped for fifty or more members to join us for lunch with Jody Cutajar from the Central Coast. Jody will be our guest speaker and will talk about his orchid experiences in Brazil as well as the country and its people. Many members may have delayed their decision to attend until closer to the date. There is only a short time to go until the event so it is essential that you contact Paige Sinclair to reserve a ticket if you wish to join us to celebrate this Society milestone. Full details are outlined elsewhere in this newsletter.

Annually, the Society struggles to encourage members to pay their annual membership fees. These fees are again set at a modest \$10 per annum and \$15 for a family membership. Those under 18 are only asked to pay \$5 per year. Each year the Society pays out just under \$6 per member for insurance to protect members when they are involved in any of the Society's functions such as meetings, workshops and fund raising activities. The membership fee also covers the Society's expenses such as postage, stationery, printing, new members gifts, etc and is never enough to cover the myriad of expenses that need to be paid. While a substantial case can be put as to why membership fees need to be increased, your current Committee has no intention of increasing these fees in the foreseeable future.

There are also many obvious social benefits from belonging to an Orchid Society. Regular meetings provide you with the opportunity to mix with like-minded Orchidophiles, exhibit your flowering orchids and receive cultural advice from guest speakers and experienced members. It also entitles you to exhibit at any orchid show in NSW.

Membership fees are set at each AGM and become due from the date of the AGM in November. It is expected that members will renew their membership within three months of this date which means that dues should be paid by the meeting in early February.

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www.shearwaterrestaurant.com.au or Phone 6651 6053.

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BRUCE HALL

Bruce provides the raffle prizes for both the Autumn and Spring Shows.

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CALENDAR, 2021-22

2 Apr, 2022—50th Anniversary Luncheon at Opal Cove Guest Speaker - Jody Cutajar.

7 Apr , 2022— Bruce Hall "Preparing Plants for the Autumn Show"

22 Apr—Show Set-up from 1pm

23-24 Apr—Autumn Show

5 May— Helena Axelsson— "Growing Orchids in Small Spaces"

2 June— Member Presentations

21 July—Hans Schiabe— "Dendrochilums"

4 Aug—Malcolm Ide— " Growing Cymbidiums"

1 Sept—Member Presentations

Note: The Committee meets on Tuesday following the Monthly Meeting.

CHOS BANK DETAILS

BSB No: 533-000

ACCOUNT No: 32817199



However, the Society has extended this final date until the end of April to allow everyone time to pay. At the time of writing, only fifty percent of members have paid and the Committee is concerned that many will become unfinancial by the start of May and will be removed from the membership list. If you have not paid this year's fees then please do so as soon as possible. April is the last meeting to do this in person but you can always post a cheque to the Society mail box or direct deposit into the CHOS bank account (see page 2 for details).

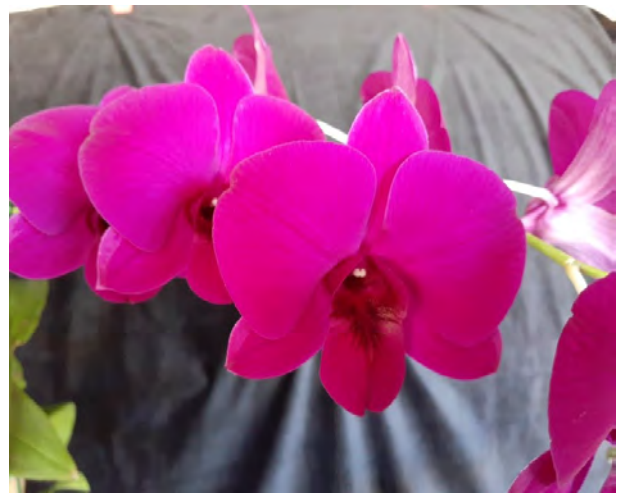
By now all members would have received the annual calendar and have read about the extensive program the Society has planned for this year. Become a financial member today and enjoy the joys of growing orchids together in 2022.

Bob Southwell

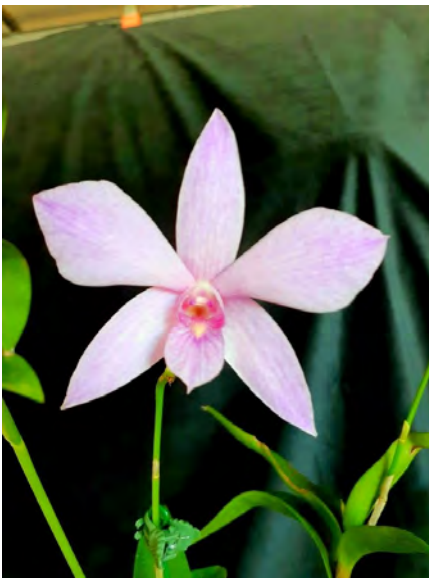
3. ORCHIDS FROM DICK AND BARBARA COOPER IN FLOWER THIS MONTH:



Dendrobium bigibbum



Dendrobium Kristen Debut



Dendrobium Hera



Den. Anne's Rainbow Surprise 'Perth'



Dendrobium Liberty White

The Editor is always on the lookout for orchid photos, photos of plants in your greenhouse or on display in your home. Please email anytime to bssouthwell@bigpond.com or send attached to a text to 0417 695 834. Please include a photo of the label or the name written as text. Thank you. Other members will appreciate it.



CHOS AUTUMN SHOW:

Dates: Saturday 23rd April and Sunday 24th April. **Venue:** Coffs Harbour Botanic Gardens

Benching of Entries: Friday 22nd April - 3pm to 6pm. Saturday 23rd - 6.30am to 7.30am

Judging: 8am to 10am Saturday 23rd. Show Opens to public from 10am.

Presentation Of Prizes: Sunday, 3pm. **Show Set-up:** Friday from 1pm.

Raffle tickets and plants will be available for sale.

Show Schedules and Duty Roster are now available on the website.

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2022:

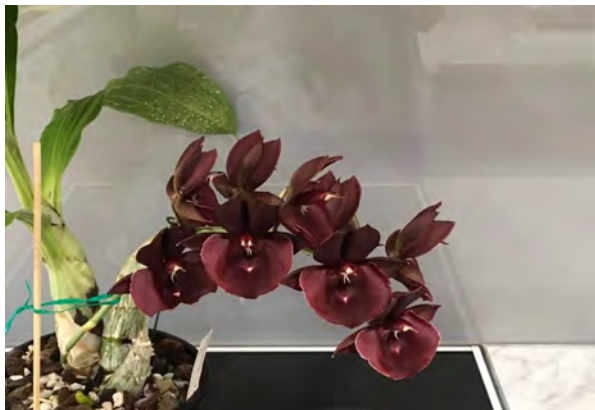
2022 Membership Fees for CHOS are now due and must be paid by the end of April.

Single membership is set at \$10 and family membership at \$15.

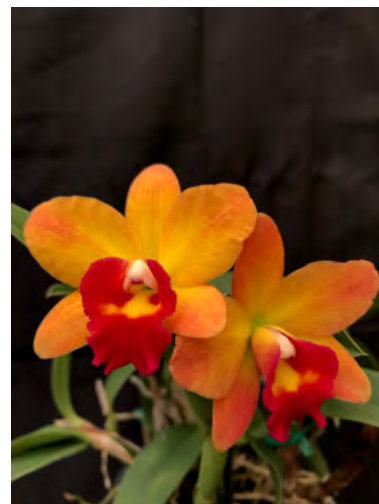
You can pay Paige Sinclair, Treasurer, with cash or cheque at the April Monthly Meeting (place in an envelope with your name on the front). You can also use a credit card at the meeting or pay by Direct Deposit into the Society BCU Account (include your Name and Membership in the reference). Bank details are on page 2 of this newsletter. You can also post the membership fee to CHOS, PO Box 801, Coffs Harbour 2450.

IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF FEES COULD BE PAID ASAP

MORE ORCHID BEAUTIES FROM OUR MEMBERS GREENHOUSES:



**A wonderful orchid grown by Jenny and Bill Lennon—
Catasetum John C Burchett 'Ursa Major' FCC/AOS X Ctsm. Dagny 'Fantastica'**



From the greenhouse of Rhonda Smith:

***Rhynchostylis
Coelestis 'Blue'***

Vanda Somsri Glory 'Blue'

Slc. Tiny Titan

6. DATES TO NOTE:

Nambucca Valley Orchid Society Autumn Show: 5-6th May, 2022. Entries—4 May

Tinonee Orchid Nursery Open Day (probably the final one) : 9 and 10 July, 2022. The Society usually visits Tinonee on the Saturday. Guest Speakers and lots of orchid bargains. More details as we get closer to the event but a good one to mark on your calendar.

Mingara Orchid Fair and Show: 25—26 June, 2022. Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi, Central Coast NSW. Always an excellent orchid fair.

St. Ives Orchid Fair—19-21 August, 2022. St. Ives Showground, Mona Vale Road, St. Ives. Considered to be one of the best Orchid Fairs in NSW.

Nambucca Valley Orchid Society Spring Show: 1-3 Sept, 2022. Entries—31 Aug.

AOC Australian Orchid Conference and Show : 31st August to 4th September. Logan Metro Sports and Events Centre, Crestmead Qld. Quality speakers and orchid show.

CHOS Spring Show: Botanic Gardens, Coffs Harbour. 10-11th Sept, 2022.

Woolgoolga District Orchid Society Annual Show: 1st October, 2022. Entries—30 Sept

7. AGENDA FOR GENERAL MEETING , 7th APRIL, 2022:

1. Welcome **(Judges: Bob Southwell, Leonie Everitt)**
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of March Monthly Meeting – as printed in Newsletter
4. Correspondence - Annie Houston
5. Treasurer’s Report – Paige Sinclair
6. Sponsor’s Spot – Coffs Harbour Motors
7. Presentation to New Members
8. Table Talk.
9. Popular Vote – Bruce Hall/ Judith Whiting
10. Results of the Growing Competition—April Judging
11. Raffle – Judith Whiting
12. General Business:
 - Membership Fees now due (\$10/\$15)
 - CHOS Autumn Show— 23 to 24 April, 2022 (Entry material available)
 - Agricultural Show Display—13th May, 2022
 - Other General Business
- 13 Supper Break – 15 minutes
14. Guest Speaker : Bruce Hall “Preparing Plants for the Autumn Show”



8. CHANGES TO THE CHOS COVID-19 MONTHLY MEETING PLAN:

Finally most Covid-19 rules have been relaxed or completely lifted or remain as optional.

It is suggested that you be aware of the following:

- Use the Hand Sanitiser supplied if you wish.
- Each member to sign the CHOS Meeting Register. You do not have to use the QR Code or sign a Covid -19 Register.
- The 2 square metre rule per person has been lifted.
- Masks DO NOT have to be worn inside the room. However, if you feel more comfortable by wearing a mask then please do so.
- Members are asked to bring flowering orchids for the monthly competition.
- Please bring something suitable for a shared supper. CHOS will provide tea and coffee.
- Once again we will provide members with name tags for wearing during the meeting.

If you have any Covid-19 symptoms or are positive from a RAT or PCR Test then please do not attend.

9. COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Committee Meeting was conducted at Shearwater Restaurant, Coffs Harbour, on Tuesday 8th March. All Committee members were in attendance.

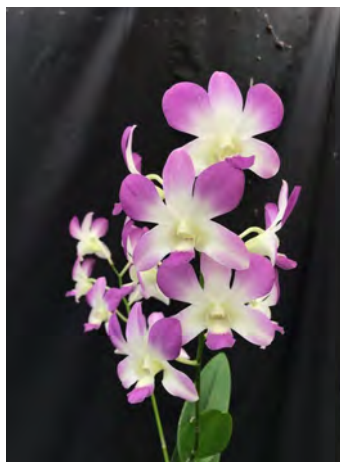
- Discussion of final organisation for the 50th Anniversary Luncheon to be held at Opal Cove Resort on Saturday, 2nd April, 2022. Carole and Paige to visit Opal Cove to finalise arrangements.
- Autumn Show—23rd and 24th April at Botanic Gardens. Show Schedule approved and published. The Show Roster tabled and approved. Copies of Schedule and the Roster to be emailed or posted to all members. Plants are requested for the Sales Table. Those selling NSW Native Orchids will be required to complete the Native Licence Form held by the Society. Setting up of the Show Room will occur on Friday 22nd April from 1pm.
- Coffs Harbour Agricultural Show—14—15th May. CHOS to conduct an orchid display. More details will be provided when they become available.
- New Information Pamphlet almost complete. Copies will be available for the Autumn Show.
- Membership fees are due and payable by the end of April.
- A Sympathy card was sent to the family of the Late Pauline Clemesha. The Committee and Members were saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Pauline. Pauline was the wife of the late Steve Clemesha who was a life members of CHOS and a well respected orchid grower, speaker and author. Our thoughts are with Pauline's family.

Next Committee Meeting will be held at Shearwater on 12th April, 2022.



More from Rhonda Smith:

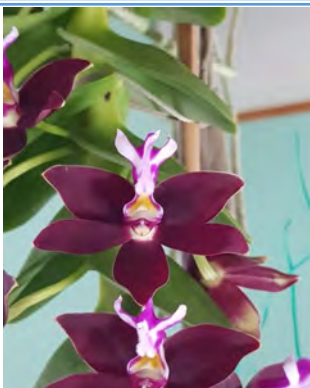
**Milt. Goodale Mon
'Golden Wonder'**



Den. Aree Dang 'Light Blue'



C. Bactia 'Grape Wax'



POPULAR VOTE AT THE MARCH MONTHLY MEETING:

Congratulations to Carole Davis and Bruce Hall as joint winners of the March Popular Vote

Left: Bruce's *Trichoglottis atropurpurea*

Right: Carole's *Dendrochilum longifolium*

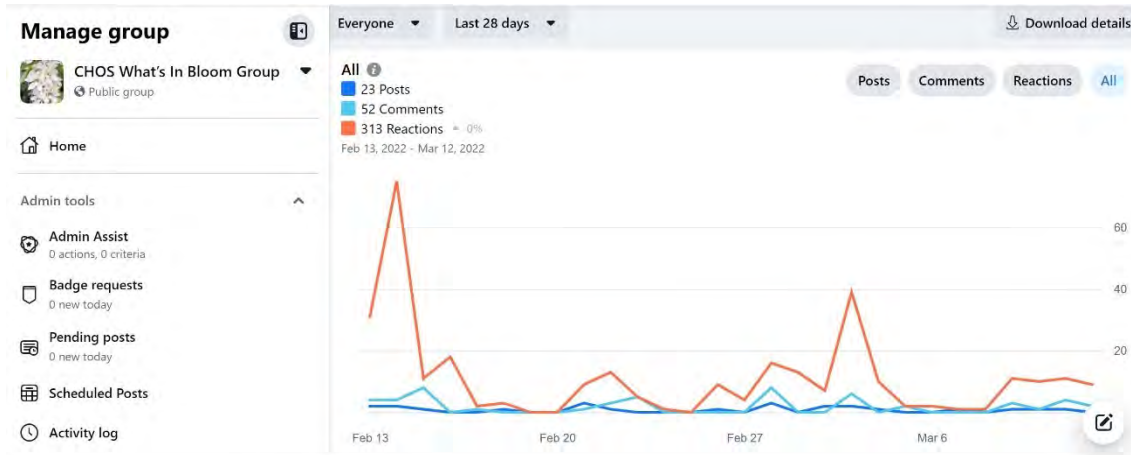


10. Coffs Harbour Orchid Society Facebook (From Paige Sinclair)

March 2022 – Currently, the Coffs Harbour Orchid Society has 258 likes and 289 followers on our Facebook page. This is up by 3 people for the January to March 2022 period.

What's in Bloom Facebook Page

The 'What's in Bloom' Facebook page had the following insights.



Please continue to post images of your flowering orchids for everyone to enjoy.

11. SPONSORS SPOT: Coffs Harbour Motors **They support us, so please support them**

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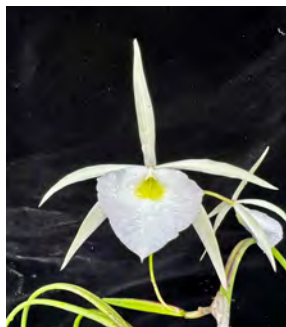
ORCHIDS FROM THE GREENHOUSE OF PAIGE SINCLAIR:



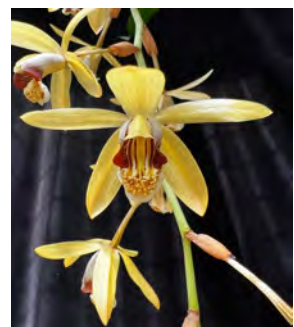
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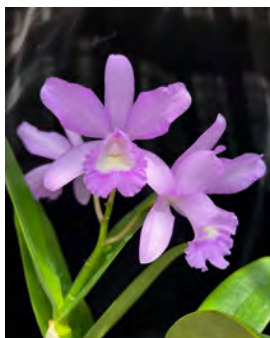
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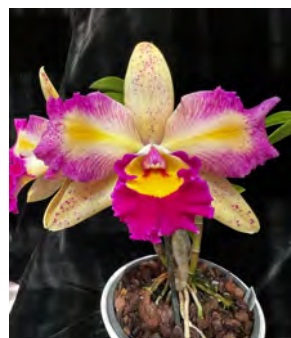
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B. perrinii 'SVO 15'



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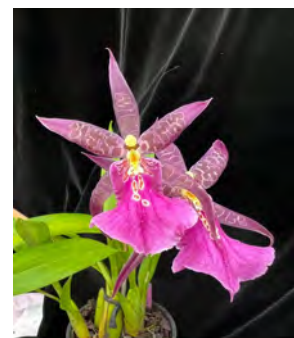
Cattleya Kew



Lc. Aussie Sunset X



Dendrobium Ise Pearl



Miltassia Aztec Toni

(Blc. Topaz Blossom x Lucky Charms)

12. BITS AND PIECES:

- ◆ Growing Competition, 2022: Don't forget to bring your Epidendrum along for judging at the April meeting. Remember to include the numbered tag in the pot. It was great to see so many plants benched at the March meeting.
- ◆ Bruce Hall will be the Guest Speaker at the April Monthly Meeting set down for 7th April. Bruce will explain what you need to do so your plants are presentable for the April Autumn Show. Bruce will also go through the various rules and regulations that govern the Show. This will be your opportunity to hear from an expert on what is required of you as a competitor and what you can do to improve your chances at the Show.
- ◆ You may have been doing some repotting and found that your labels have faded so they are difficult to read or worst still the label has disintegrated. Perhaps you have heard that the acceptable name of the orchid has changed or it has been pointed out to you that you have a spelling error on the label. Now is the time to fix it. Every few years you should replace the label so you don't have errors occurring in the future. Always buy quality, thick labels. Never purchase those narrow, thin labels from the discount stores. They only last "five minutes". Use a 4B, 5B or 6B pencil or perhaps you prefer a pen with permanent ink (though if you ever treat your plant with methylated spirits it will remove the ink if you spill it on the label).
- ◆ The Society has just ordered a new supply of the Orchid Information Pamphlets. This has been extensively checked and updated. The pamphlet provides a summary of the cultural requirements for the main orchid groups. Hardcanes have been added to this edition. Copies will be available at the Autumn Show.
- ◆ If you are not sure if you have paid your membership fees for this year then check with Leonie or Paige. Fees are due by the end of April.
- ◆ Plants need both Nitrogen and Calcium to grow prolifically. Calcium Nitrate is a very soluble chemical. It easily forms a solution in water so is usually sprayed in a liquid form as a foliar fertilizer. It is recommended that you spray your plants every two or four weeks with a foliar spray. 2 to 4 g of Calcium Nitrate per litre of water. Do not mix any Calcium fertilizer with other chemicals otherwise precipitation will occur in the spray device. Many growers spray the Calcium Nitrate once a month at the rate of 4g/L.
- ◆ The high rainfall we have experienced over summer could result in root rot issues among your orchids. Fungal infection in the root systems of orchids reduces the growth of roots and so slows down the growth of leaves and flowers. A precautionary spray of an anti-fungal solution such as Yates Anti-Rot could save your plants. Also a general leaf spray of Trifend will provide protection from leaf fungi, spider mites and insect attack.

13. BARK SUPPLIES FROM CHOS FOR THE CURRENT POTTING SEASON:

The Society stocks 40 litre bags of NZ Orchiata Bark selling at \$27 each and 35 litre bags also selling at \$27 each (Sorry, but there has been a slight price rise). There are four sizes – 6 to 9mm; 9 to 12mm; 12 to 18mm and 18 to 25mm.

Contact Paige Sinclair on 0427 591 901 or paigesinclair@me.com.

Remember if you desire quality plants then always use quality potting mix. We now have new stock on hand and now available from Paige.

PLEASE NOTE THAT PAIGE IS NOW HANDLING ALL CHOS BARK SALES

Coffs Harbour Orchid Society Inc.



50th Anniversary Luncheon

2nd April 2022 (Change of date)

Opal Cove Resort 12pm to 2:30pm

Tickets \$25 pp

(Partners welcome)

Guest Speaker – Jody Cutajar

Cash Bar, Lucky Door Prize, and please bring a flowering orchid for a judged display.

RSVP – 7days in advance with any special dietary requirements to Paige Sinclair

Email: paigesinclair@me.com

Mobile: 0427 59 1901

Rhonda Smith



Rhonda Smith



Dick & Barbara Cooper



Rhynchovanda Herbert ***Aerangis articulata*** **aya** ***Den. Chao Praya***

'Kurihara Kuzuto Nitta'

'Big Flower' x Sib

'Moonlight'

Don't forget to bring along one orchid for judging at the 50th Anniversary Luncheon at Opal Cove Resort on 2nd April. These will be judged by the experts and a \$50 prize awarded to the "Orchid of the Day". Lucky Door prize is also up for grabs (based on your ticket number).

15. THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY/SLIMY:

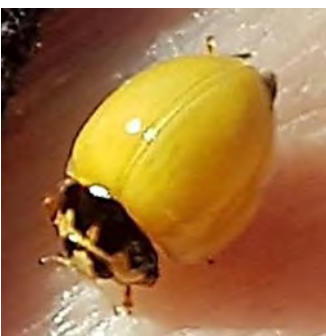
by Jenny Richardson

Part 2 The Good - Have you seen a Ladybird without spots?

(Printed with permission from Jenny Richardson, KOS Bulletin, Feb, 2022)

This is not specifically about orchids but rather a special little garden companion, the ladybird. Whether your passion is totally focused on orchids, or if you are also an avid gardener, Mother Nature provides an array of non-chemical means to help control the nasties in our garden & the ladybird is one such helper. Ladybird beetles belong to family Coccinellidae. Worldwide there are nearly 6,000 species of ladybirds. Whilst there are a few species you don't want in your garden, most of Australia's 500 species of ladybird are beneficial. Both the larvae & adult of beneficial ladybirds feed on aphids, scale, insects & mites - so what orchid lover would not like to see these little cuties frequenting our gardens!

So what piqued my interest in ladybirds? Way back at the onset of the whole coronavirus pandemic, after not being allowed to visit anyone for weeks due to the initial lockdown, I was really happy to be able to visit my brother for the first time in what felt like forever, once the restrictions were lifted. My brother has several crepe myrtles in his back garden which were suffering from a bit of an aphid infestation & we spent the afternoon chatting & exploring the life cycle of the ladybirds that had come to feast. As shown in the left photo, a variety of ladybirds were enjoying the aphid smorgasbord during the afternoon. *Apart from photos noted as being from the internet, the rest are from my brother.* I am no expert - just an interested observer, so I have used Mr Google to try to identify the different types.*



Left: Same species of Ladybird beetle - developed spots as aged.

My brother and I didn't find any intact eggs but the photo to the right, from the *FieldGuide shows the small, yellow, oval eggs of the common spotted ladybird, on the underside of a leaf of an infested plant – dinner (green aphids) would be ready & waiting when the larvae hatch.

When I first went to sit down in the gazebo, my brother asked me to make sure I didn't sit on any of the ladybird larvae – I looked down & they were everywhere! Different types are shown in the photo to the left.

I don't recall specifically seeing these larvae before, if I have, I did not realise what they were. Considering the beautiful form they take as adults, the larvae are really quite intimidating looking little critters. Photo above to the right from the *FieldGuide shows a larvae eliminating pesky aphids. (For a great action shot follow this link <https://tekdeeps.com/the-ladybug-larva-an-aphid-eater/>)

So we had an array of larvae & adults & went searching for the penultimate stage, the pupae. My brother knew where to look, & before long he found a strip of bark (photo to the right) that was providing protection for a selection of different pupae.

Then, for the first time in my life, I saw a plain yellow ladybird – no spots!

I had never seen a ladybird without spots before so I was intrigued. My brother collected little spotless & put him carefully in a container. A few hours later he was spotless no more! A live show - no technology required. Mother nature in action – fascinating! What a transformation, ugly duckling to cute little ladybird - beauty & the beast in one.

Whilst most Aussie ladybirds are beneficial, there are some that are phytophagous i.e. both larvae and adults feed on plants & you don't want these! The 28/26 spotted ladybirds can be up to 1cm in length, light orange & as the highly imaginative name suggests, have 26-28 spots – *if they will sit still long enough for you to count*. It may be easier to identify them based on whether or not they are decimating the leaves of your plants leaving them with a rather sad looking, shredded, peek-a-boo effect. The colouring on the 28's (bad guys) is similar to the common spotted ladybird (good guy) but the spots on 28 are smaller & the elytra (hard cover over wings) is much less shiny. Another you don't want is the leaf-eating ladybird, it has four large orange-red and four yellow square spots on a dark brown body.

The preferred food of phytophagous ladybirds is from the cabbage, potato & bean families but their favourite plant is the black nightshade, so if you can, remove this weed from your garden you will reduce a reason for them to visit. *The four photos below are from the *FieldGuide*



26-28 spotted LB

Black Nightshade

Leaf Eating LB

However, if you see one like the photo to the left then lucky you, it's known as the *Mealybug Destroyer *Cryptolaemus montrouzieri*, these have been exported to many countries as an effective biocontrol agent.

If you want to attract ladybirds to your garden, plant herbs like coriander, fennel & dill & brightly coloured flowers such as zinnia, sunflower, calendulas & marigolds.

*Ref: http://www.brisbaneinsects.com/brisbane_ladybirds/LadybirdFieldGuide.html

