



COFFS ORCHID NEWS OCTOBER, 2022

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1. EDITORIAL:

Welcome to the bumper Spring Show Edition of the Coffs Orchid News. For those that couldn't be there or those who want a second look, we bring you the overall winners and the Section Winners in glorious colour.

The Show was conducted at the North Coast Regional Botanic Gardens in fabulous Spring sunshine which encouraged good crowds to attend with over 726 persons passing through the Show doors. 191 plants were benched with 19 growers participating in what was the first Spring Show since 2019.

The Grand Champion ribbon and trophy was awarded to Rhonda Smith for her well-grown, magnificent *Coelogyne flaccida* 'Dark Form'. The plant was so well flowered and presented in a clean and healthy state that the Judges gave Rhonda an Award of Cultural Merit (ACM) for her efforts in growing this plant. Congratulations!



The plant was also nominated as Champion Specimen of the Show and received the Section Ribbon for the Champion Species. The plant also received the Pittaway Shield for the Best Species benched by a CHOS member.

The Reserve Champion orchid was Malcom Ide's *Epidendrum stanfordianum* 'Galaxy'. This was another well grown and perfectly presented plant. Congratulations, Malcolm.

People's Choice Award went to Malcolm Ide's *Dendrobium speciosum*. Congratulations to all growers for their excellent orchids.

Special thanks to the AOC Judges for their expertise and commitment to carrying out this important task. Thank you also to the North Coast Regional Botanic Gardens for the use of their venue and for their cooperation in running the Show.

Thank you to everyone who benched plants and we especially recognise members of the Society for their outstanding efforts in making this Show a success. The staging of each Show would not be possible without the significant hours of hard work which they contributed. Your input is greatly appreciated.

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CALENDAR, 2022

- 1 Oct—Woolgoolga DOS Show
- 13 Oct— CHOS Plant Auction
Bruce Hall, Auctioneer.
- 31 Oct—Visit to Rosella Orchids
- 3 Nov— AGM and Elections—
Guest Speaker Mal Ide
"Growing Cymbidiums"
- 13 Nov — Woolgoolga DOS
Workshop—9am
- 20 Nov— Bunnings Fund Raising
BBQ
- 1 Dec—Annual Prize and
Awards Presentation —
Shearwater Restaurant—5.30pm
- 2 Feb 2023— Feb Meeting—TBA
- 2 Mar 2023—March Meeting—TBA

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

CHOS BANK DETAILS

BSB No: 533-000

ACCOUNT No: 32817199



3. CHOS SPRING SHOW RESULTS IN PICTURES



Coelogyne flaccida 'Dark Form' was the outstanding orchid at the CHOS Spring Show. Grown by Rhonda Smith it was awarded the Grand Champion as well as the Champion Specimen and Champion Species. It was also given an Award of Cultural Merit (ACM)

Congratulations Rhonda!



The Reserve Champion went to Malcolm Ide's *Epidendrum stanfordianum* 'Galaxy'

**Well done,
Malcolm**



**THE SPRING
SHOW 2022
CHAMPIONS
IN PICTURES**



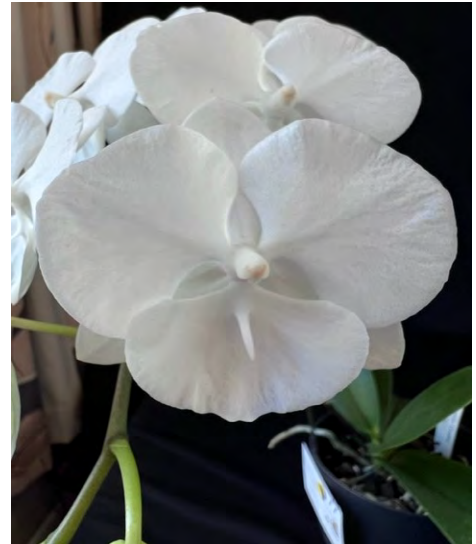
***Cymbidium* Marcia Pettyjohn 'Long Legs' owned by Malcolm Ide – Champion Cymbidium 2022**

Champion Laeliinae went to B & J Lennon for their Blc. Tiny Titan

SPRING SHOW CHAMPIONS CONTINUED:



Phalaenopsis
Charming Crystal
Water grown by
Chris and Annette
Hogan was awarded
the Champion
Phalaenopsis



Champion Vanda-
ceous went to Helen
Seiver's *Vanda*
Robert's Delight
'Ink Blue'



Max Mackay took
out the Champion
Paphiopedilum with
this spectacular mul-
tifloral Paph called
Paph. Berenice
'Winston'



SPRING SHOW CHAMPIONS CONTINUED:



***Dendrobium*
Calico Twist
'Mandy Lee' took out the Champion
Dendrobium Hybrid Not Native.
This was benched by Malcolm Ide.**



**Rhonda Smith
owned the
Champion On-
cidinae

Rodrumnia
(Rrm.) Catherine
Tesch 'Frosty
Morn'**



**Champion Aust.
Native Hybrid was
Dendrobium
Cracker
'Moonshine'.

Owned by
Malcolm Ide.**



SPRING SHOW CHAMPIONS CONTINUED:



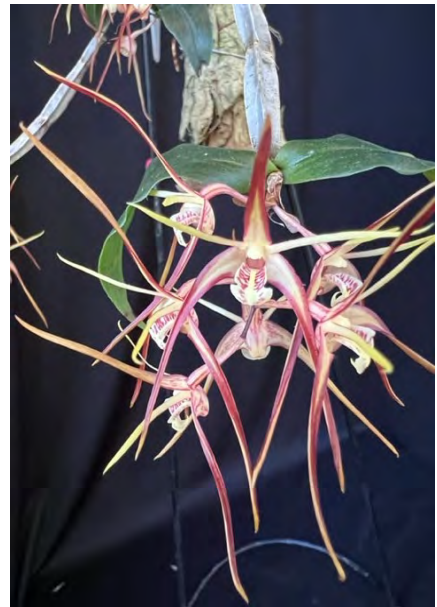
Champion AOV
Clowesia Rebecca
Northern
'Grapefruit Pink' X
Mormodes Mimi
'Extra Wide'
Grown by Paige
Sinclair



Champion Aust.
Native Species

Dendrobium
***tetragonum* var.**
tetragonum

Owned and grown
by Rhonda Smith



PEOPLE'S CHOICE (OR POPULAR VOTE) AT THE SPRING SHOW



First place in People's Choice was *Dendrobium speciosum* owned by Malcolm Ide (large yellow orchid in centre of photo on left). Second Place went to Malcolm Ide's Rlc. Amazing Thailand.

4. JOKE PAGE:

Question: Does the fact that there is 'a Highway to Hell' and only 'a Stairway to Heaven' say anything about the expected traffic?

Be Thankful: A group of seniors was sitting around talking about all their ailments at Macca's.

"My arms have gotten so weak I can hardly lift this cup of coffee," said one.

Yes, I know," said another. "My cataracts are so bad; I can't even see my coffee."

"I couldn't even mark an "X" at election time, my hands are so crippled," volunteered a third.

"What? Speak up! What? I can't hear you, said one elderly lady!"

"I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck," said one, to which several nodded weakly in agreement.

"My blood pressure pills make me so dizzy!" exclaimed another.

"I forget where I am, and where I'm going," said another.

"I guess that's the price we pay for getting old," winced an old man as he slowly shook his head.

The others nodded in agreement.

"Well, count your Blessings," said a woman cheerfully.... "Thank God we can all still drive."



This is Pluto

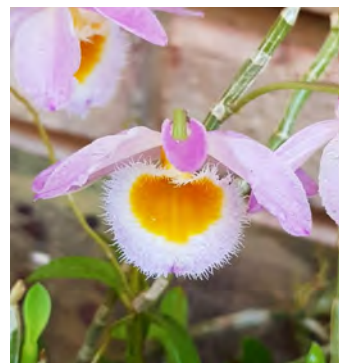
Pluto used to be the ninth planet of the solar system until 2006 when scientists removed it from the list and declared it a dwarf planet. But Pluto continued orbiting the Sun as before. Pluto doesn't care what others think about it. **Be like Pluto!**

My husband and I both have a cold. The only difference is I am cleaning the kitchen, he's dying.

5. AGENDA FOR GENERAL MEETING , 13TH OCTOBER 2022:

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of September Monthly Meeting – as attached to the Newsletter
4. Correspondence - Annie Houston
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Sponsor's Spot – Shearwater Restaurant
7. Presentations to New Members
8. Table Talk
9. Popular Vote – Bruce Hall/ Judith Whiting
10. Results of the Growing Competition—October Judging
11. Raffle – Judith Whiting
12. General Business:
 - Visit to Rosella Orchids—31st Oct
 - November AGM (3/11) —Committee Nominations (Close Thurs 27th Oct)
 - November Guest Speaker—Malcolm Ide “Growing Cymbidiums”
 - Other General Business
13. Supper Break – 15 minutes
14. Plant Auction– Bruce Hall Auctioneer

Monthly Judges:
SUE WILLIAMS
BARBARA PEARCE



6. MONTHLY MEETING PLAN:

It is suggested that you be aware of the following:

- Masks DO NOT have to be worn inside the room. However, if you feel more comfortable by wearing a mask then please do so. Hand sanitiser is available for your use.
- 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.

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

7. CHOS VISIT TO ROSELLA ORCHIDS AT SOUTH GRAFTON:

It is planned to again visit Rosella Orchids on Monday 31st October, 2022. The Nursery will be open to the public as part of the 2022 Jacaranda Festival. Members can either drive themselves and meet at the South Grafton Nursery or participate in a car pool which will depart from the Coffs Botanic Gardens car park. Full details in next edition.

Interested members are asked to record their names at the October meeting or phone Judith Whiting on 0438 187 028.

8. COMMITTEE REPORT:

The September Committee Meeting was conducted at the North Coast Regional Botanic Gardens, Coffs Harbour, on Tuesday 6th Sept, 2022.

1. Logo design completed and now to be used in all official documents.
2. Bunning BBQ fund raiser will be held on Sunday 20th November. Paige Sinclair is in charge of organisation. Proceeds to assist in funding the End Of Year Awards Dinner.
3. Publicity for the Spring Show—Carole had an interview on ABC Radio and Paige on 2AirFM.
4. End of year Awards and Presentation Dinner to be held at Shearwater Restaurant on Thursday 1st December from 5.30pm. Members (and Partners) to be subsidised at \$25 per person. Members to pay \$30 for a two course meal.
5. New Member Applications: Five new members were approved— John and Donna Cornale, Alisha Ney, Anacleita West and Julieta Gray.
6. Visit to Annie Houston's home to view greenhouses and orchids in her garden area will take place on 17th September between 2 and 4pm. Members to be advised.
7. Visit to Rosella Orchids, South Grafton, has been organised for Monday 31st October. Car Pool to be arranged. Names of interested members are being collected.
8. Spring Show organisation finalised.
9. October (13th) monthly meeting will include a fund raising Plant Auction. Malcolm Ide to speak at the November monthly meeting on "Growing Cymbidiums".
10. AGM will be held at November meeting—nominations for Committee for 2023 are now open—contact The Secretary, Annie Houston, for information and application forms.
11. Discussion on selecting a new Growing Competition plant for the start of 2023.

Next Committee Meeting will be held at the Botanic Gardens on Tuesday 18th Oct, 2022.

9. THE "NEW" LOGO:

This month the "new" stylized Logo of the Coffs Harbour Orchid Society is unveiled.

This is based on the original CHOS Badge which featured a *Dendrobium kingianum* as the floral emblem of the Society. Over the years other orchid flowers have been used as the Society Logo. The committee has decided to revert to the original flower design in an effort to be historically correct and this will now replace other designs on all documents as they come up for reprinting.

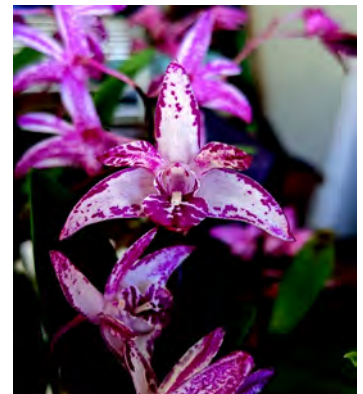


Therefore it is appropriate that it should feature as part of this newsletter's Masthead.



10. POPULAR VOTE AT THE SEPT MONTHLY MEETING

Congratulations to Sue Flanders for her magnificent *Dendrobium Tie-Dye 'Dark' X Den. Bicentennial 'Rose'*



11. SHOW PRESENTATION: Some of the Show winners receiving their awards.



Above: Carole Davis presents Helen Seiver with a ribbon for the Champion Vanda

Centre: Annette Hogan is happy to receive a ribbon for the Champion Phalaenopsis in the Spring Show.



Above: Mal Ide receives the Reserve Champ ribbon



Rhonda Smith and her Grand Champion.

Right: Bill & Jenny Lennon—Champ Catt.



12. SPONSORS SPOT: Shearwater Restaurant

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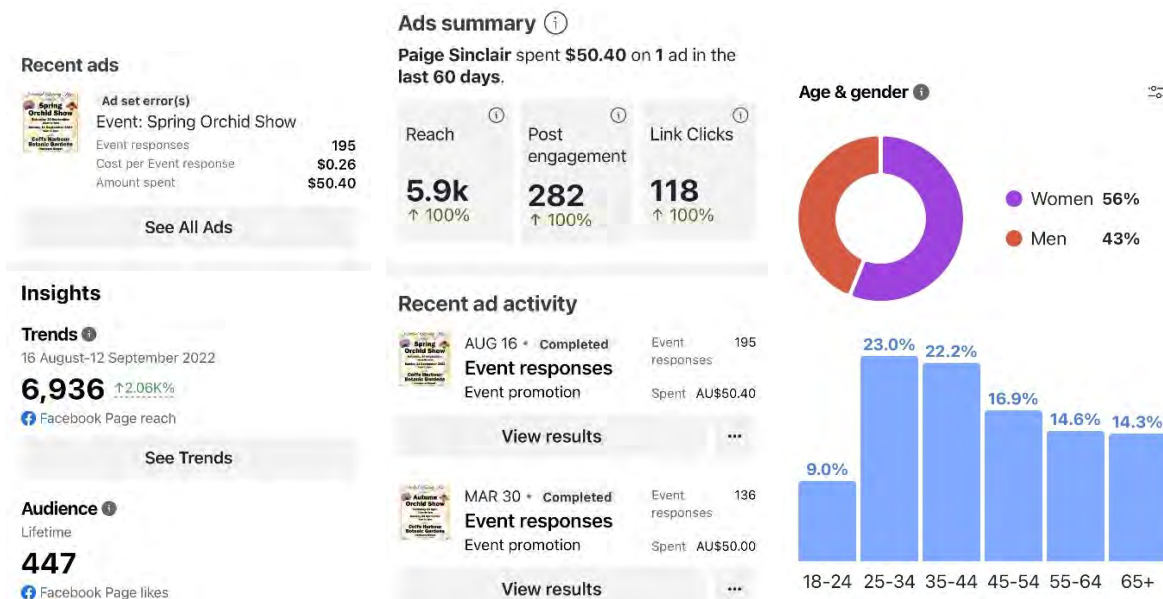
Great service, outstanding location and a modern menu make Shearwater the place to dine out. Join the Society for the Awards Dinner on 1st December—will be a great night for all.

SUPPORT THEM AS THEY SUPPORT US

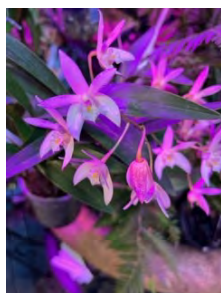
13. MONTHLY MEETING— The October meeting will be later than normal due to the Spring School Holidays and the unavailability of the Botanic Gardens Display Room. The meeting will be held on Thursday 13th October from 7.30pm. In lieu of a guest speaker we will conduct our annual plant auction. This will provide members with the opportunity to buy quality plants at a reasonable price. Members are asked to donate as many plants as they can. This event always raises valuable funds for the Society.

14. Coffs Harbour Orchid Society Facebook: By Paige Sinclair

September 2022 – Currently, the Coffs Harbour Orchid Society has 447 likes. This is up by 31 people from the last month. The image below shows a range of insights.



15. A DAY WITH THE ORCHIDS AT BOAMBEE: The Society visited Annie Houston’s home at Boambee and enjoyed viewing her two greenhouses which display orchids grown under LED lights. Annie has many native orchids in the trees around her house. Afternoon tea and orchid conversations were also a highlight.



16. SPRING SHOW RAFFLE RESULTS (Thanks to Bruce Hall for donation of raffle prizes).

1st PRIZE: Orange ticket B53—RILEY

2nd PRIZE: Green ticket E32—ANDREW

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

The Society stocks 35 litre bags of NZ Orchiata Bark selling at \$27 each. There are two sizes – 9 to 12mm and 12 to 18mm.

Remember if you desire quality plants then always use quality potting mix.

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

18. Understanding Orchid Nursery Terminology

(Thanks to the research of Dick Cooper)

In the same way that Real Estate Agents use terms like 'Handyman Special', Renovator's Delight', 'Ideal for First Home Buyers', etc., Orchid nurseries have their special words for describing the orchids they want to sell. Here are some examples -

Easy to Grow - 'almost certain to flower at least once during your lifetime'

Hardy - 'if you're lucky, it will live at least 6 months'

A fussy flowerer - 'buy this if you are crazy or a masochist?'

Tough, vigorous grower - 'make sure you have plenty of pots and a machete on hand because dividing & repotting is never easy'

Miniature - 'don't be surprised if your friends can't actually see the flowers'

Should have Splash-Petals - 'don't count on it!'

Likely Show Winner - 'maybe but probably not!'

Warmth tolerant - 'during winter, this plant may wake you to obtain an extra blanket'

Eye-catching - 'the needle-like ends of these leaves necessitate wearing protective eyewear around this baby'

Needs Good Air Circulation - 'air movement somewhere between able to blow out a birthday candle and capable of blowing plants out of their containers'

Keep Moist - 'the exact amount has not, as yet, been established but good luck anyway'

Keep well watered - 'good luck!'

Late season flowers - 'don't expect to win a show with this!'

Remake of the best hybrid ever! - 'no promises'

Quality whites, some reds - 'Actually we have no idea'

Woolgoolga District Orchid Society Inc.
Annual Spring Orchid Show & Garden Expo
Saturday October 1, 2022
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Yeates Hall
1-11 Scarborough Street
9.00am to 3.00pm
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