



# COFFS ORCHID NEWS MAY, 2023

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### 1. EDITORIAL:

A very successful two day Autumn Show was conducted over the weekend prior to ANZAC Day. This year's Show saw a wide variety of orchids benched and despite a wet weekend there was good attendance from the public. This edition of the newsletter features the highlights of the Autumn Show.

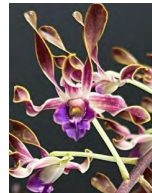
122 plants were benched by 16 growers and these provided a colourful display of a wide variety of orchids.

The Grand Champion Ribbon and Trophy was sponsored this year by Rosella Orchids from South Grafton. This was awarded to an eye-catching *Cattleya* Donna Kimura grown by Jenny and Bill Lennon.

The Reserve Champion went to Rhonda Smith's outstanding *Dendrobium* Mary Poppins.

The Champion Specimen of the Show was awarded to Malcolm Ide for his *Dendrobium* Calico Twist 'Mandy Lee'. This plant also won the Popular Vote selected by the viewing public.

Congratulations to these growers on their excellent orchids.



We thank the 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 this Show.

Congratulations 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. Thank you to everyone for their assistance, cooperation and enthusiasm. Well done!

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**LUDO'S OLD WARES, ULMARRA**

Deals with old wares and collectables — 0402 044 601

**CALENDAR, 2023**

4 May 2023—Paige Sinclair  
"Plant Labels"

13 May Members BBQ—4— 8pm

1 June 2023— Dick Cooper—  
"Using OrchidWiz"

24—25 June—Mingara Fair/Show

20 July 2023—Hans Schaible—  
New Bulbophyllum

3 Aug 2023— Member  
Presentations

19 Aug 2023— Dorrigo NP Visit

7 Sept 2023— Member  
Presentations

9-10 Sept 2023—Spring Show

5 Oct—Plant Auction

2 Nov – AGM/ Age Care Talk

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

**CHOS BANK DETAILS**

**BSB No: 533-000**

**ACCOUNT No: 32817199**

**ROSELLA ORCHIDS****Autumn Show Sponsor**

Located in South Grafton and can supply a wide range of orchids but specialises in Cattleya and Vanda genera. They also stock a large range of hardware and accessories for orchid growers. Nursery is closed to the general public except by appointment.

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### 3. PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE 2023 CHOS AUTUMN SHOW

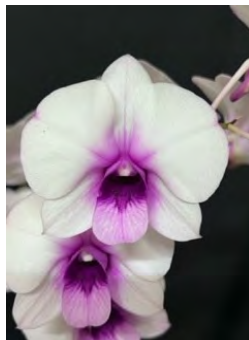
Photos by Paige Sinclair

#### GRAND CHAMPION:



***Cattleya* Donna Kimura benched by Bill and Jenny Lennon. They are presented with their trophies by President Carole Davis (centre) Sponsored by Rosella Orchids, South Grafton.**

#### RESERVE CHAMPION:



***Dendrobium* Mary Poppins owned by Rhonda Smith (right). Congratulated by President Carole.**

#### CHAMPION SPECIMEN:



**Champion Show Specimen is *Dendrobium* Calico Twist 'Mandy Lee', which was benched by Malcolm Ide. This plant has previously been awarded with an FCC.**

**Malcolm is presented with his Champion Ribbon by President Carole Davis.**

**4. SECTION WINNERS FROM THE CHOS 2023 AUTUMN SHOW:**

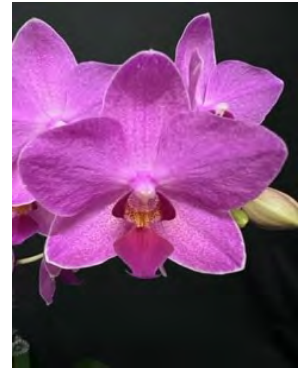
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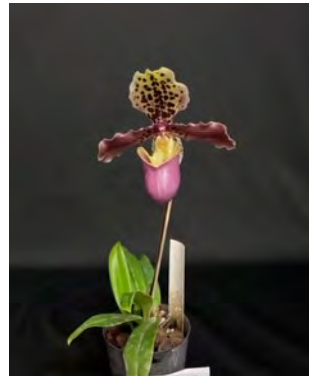
**Cymbidium Zig Zag Kiwi—owned by Malcolm Ide**



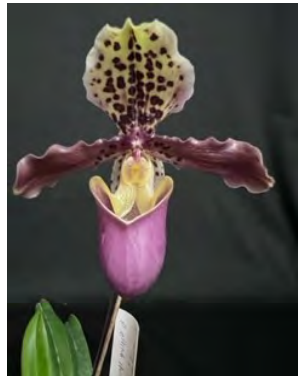
**Phalaenopsis Unknown (NoID)  
Benched by Rhonda Smith**



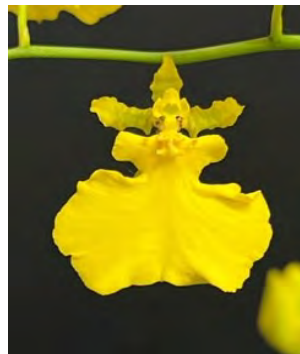
**Rhynchovanda Herbert Kurihara  
'Kazuto Nitta' - Rhonda Smith**



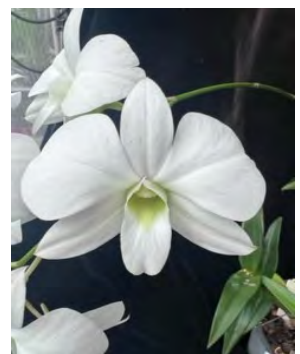
**Paph. henryanum x Paph. owned by Peter Gough**



**Ron and Judy Cowling's Oncidium  
Lemon Heart**



**Dendrobium affine (Aust Native  
Den. Hybrid)—Dick Cooper**



**AOV— Cynoches Hybrid—Malcolm Ide**



**Species: Galeandra lucastris— Mal Ide**



## 5. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT:

Report from the Committee Meeting held on 3rd April, 2023 at NCRB Gardens.

1. There is still one vacancy on the CHOS Committee. (Editors Comment: Position has been filled—Welcome to Peter Gough).
2. Review of Policies to continue—Advisors Program, Agricultural Show Orchid Display and Awards & Presentation Procedures were tabled and updates were approved. Revised documents of Plant Auction and Bereavement policies were tabled for approval at the May meeting. The Botanic Gardens Booking Schedule and a policy on Show Plant Sales will be tabled at the May meeting.
3. Autumn Show sign installed at Nana Glen. Thanks to Stefica Jones.
4. New Bark and Charcoal supplies have arrived. There has been a change from Orchiata to Kiwi Bark—now in 50L bags, in four grades and priced at \$45 per bag. Paige Sinclair will handle all bark and charcoal sales.
5. Change of Bank Signatures authorized following Committee changes. Paper work completed.
6. New Member approved—Mona Walker.
7. Bunnings BBQ— 3rd June, 2023. Calling for volunteers to assist in near future.
8. Autumn Show Organisation—everything in hand for Show on 22-23 April. Set-up on Friday 21 April. Roster tabled. As Gardens Café is closed, the Society has organised a Coffee Cart to provide refreshments and some food.
9. From early 2024 the Society will cancel its Coffs Harbour Post Office Box and the CHOS postal address will be that of the Secretary.
10. Next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 9th May, 2023 from 10.30am at NCRBG.

**JUDGES FOR 4th MAY  
MONTHLY MEETING**  
  
**RHONDA SMITH**  
  
**FRANK PAPPALARDO**

## 6. BITS AND PIECES:

- **Thanks to Rosella Orchids at South Grafton for their sponsorship of the Grand Champion at the recent CHOS Autumn Show.**
- **George Dal Posso has set up an engineering shed as a hobby in his retirement and has offered to make metal orchid stands to your specifications or is happy to come up with a design that will meet your needs. If you are interested in using his services then contact George by TEXT MESSAGE on 0488 030 376 and he will get back to you. The photo shows a stand George constructed for transporting and displaying Stanhopea's.**
- **Don't forget to bring your *Vanda falcata* along for judging at the 4th May monthly meeting. It is hoped to award the prizes for the 2022 Growing Competition at this meeting.**



**7. MEMBERS BBQ ON SATURDAY 13TH MAY, 2023: A BBQ for Members and their Partners at the home of Frank Pappalardo on Saturday, 13th May from 4pm to 8pm. The venue is 7 Mawson Crescent, North Boambee Valley (The Lakes Estate). The Society will organise the meat (and vegetarian options) and charge \$10 per person to cover this cost. Members are requested to bring either a salad or a dessert on the night.**

**If you would like to attend then place your name on the list at the May meeting.**

## 8. ORCHID FAIRS AND CONFERENCES, 2023

**Free Admission**  
Woolgoolga District Orchid Society Inc.

**2 Day  
Orchid  
Conference/Workshop**

**Sat. November 18 & Sun. 19**  
Sat. 9.00am to 3.00pm Sun. 9.00am to 3.30pm

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News from Woolgoolga District Orchid Society— This year their Spring Show will be held over two days on the first weekend in October and will be staged in the newly opened Wiigulga Sports Complex. As you can see from the flyer on the left, this year's Orchid Conference will be also held over two days with eight amazing speakers. Congratulations to WDOS on this initiative. All CHOS members should note these dates in their diary as these are events well worth attending. Hope to see you there.

### OTHER DATES TO NOTE:

Mingara Orchid Show and Fair— Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi. 24th to 25th June, 2023

Tweed Heads Show and Fair—4—5 November (TBC)

## 9. MEMBERS PLANT SALES AT MONTHLY MEETINGS—JUNE AND AUGUST IN 2023.

If you wish to sell plants to other CHOS members then you will have this opportunity at either the June or the August meetings. Plants should be healthy and disease free. They do not need to be in flower. A photograph will often help your sales efforts and if possible they should have a detailed label attached.

The Society will not collect any commission at these two monthly meetings. Remember, if you want a quick sale then price the plant accordingly. If you are selling natives to other members then they do not require a licence tag.

**This year you can sell plants other than orchids.**

## 10. PERTH INTERNATIONAL ORCHID CONFERENCE AND SHOW, 2024

Orchids Western Australia (OrchidsWA) and the Orchid Specialist Group of the IUCN invite you to attend the inaugural Perth International Orchid Conference & Show (Perth IOCS) incorporating two significant international orchid events, the 23rd Australian Orchid Council (AOC) Conference & Show and the 8th International Orchid Conservation Congress (IOCC) being staged in Perth, Western Australia from 11 to 16 September 2024.

The Perth IOCS will for first time bring together an international speaker list of the world's leading orchid scientists along with growers, hybridisers, and hobbyists at a time when Western Australia's world renown wildflowers and astonishing terrestrial orchids will be blooming. Pre- and post-conference bus tours to the mid-west of Western Australia hosted by eminent orchidologist Professor Kingsley Dixon and orchid taxonomist and author/co-author of eight books on Western Australian orchids Andrew Brown will provide a highlight not to be missed. We invite you to register your interest for these tours early as there will be limited seats available.

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