



COFFS ORCHID NEWS OCTOBER 2023 PUBLICATION OF THE COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

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EDITORIAL:

The sun shone, the orchids smiled and the people came. That sums up a very successful CHOS Spring Show held recently at the Coffs Harbour Botanic Gardens. Almost 200 orchids were benched with glorious weather attracting a very large crowd of Society members and the general public. This bumper edition of the newsletter features the highlights of this years Spring Show.

197 plants were benched by 16 growers and these provided a colourful display which was much appreciated by those who attended the event.

The Grand Champion trophy and ribbon were sponsored by Rosella Orchids from South Grafton. This was awarded to Malcolm Ide for a magnificent *Cymbidium* Ruby Eyes. The Reserve Champion was also exhibited by Malcolm and was an eye-catching cascading plant called *Cymbidium* Memoria Marvin Gaye 'Royale'. This plant was also awarded the prize for Champion Specimen of the Show. Congratulations to Malcolm for his outstanding success.



Cym Ruby Eyes



Cym. M. Gaye 'Royale'



Champion Specimen

Popular Vote was selected by those who visited the Show and this year it went to Rhonda Smith's *Dendrobium* Mousmee. Congratulations to Rhonda.

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 year's Show.

Congratulations to all who benched plants and we especially recognise members of CHOS for their outstanding efforts in making this event such a success. The staging of each Show requires a considerable amount of work, dedication and cooperation between members.

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

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Deals with old wares and collectables — 0402 044 601

2. CALENDAR, 2023

- 12 Oct—Plant Auction
- 17 Oct—Committee Meeting
- 26 Oct Visit to Rosella Orchids –TBC
- 2 Nov – AGM/Video etc.
- 7 Nov—Committee Meeting
- 2 Dec Annual Presentation Luncheon at Green House Tavern
- 23 Jan—Committee Meeting—TBC
- 1 Feb— Back To Basics 3—TBC

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

**CHOS BANK DETAILS**

BSB No: 533-000

ACCOUNT No: 32817199

ROSELLA ORCHIDS**Spring and 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.

www.rosellaorchids.com.au

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE 2023 CHOS SPRING SHOW

Photos by Paige Sinclair

GRAND CHAMPION:



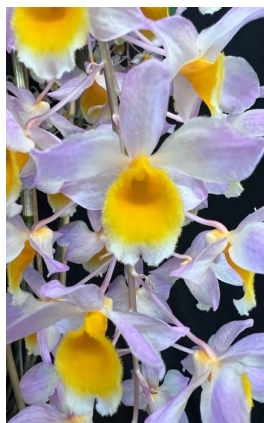
***Cymbidium Ruby Eyes* owned by Malcolm Ide. Malcolm receives his trophy and champion ribbon from President Carole Davis. Congratulations Malcolm. Sponsored by Rosella Orchids, South Grafton.**

RESERVE CHAMPION AND CHAMPION SPECIMEN:



***Cymbidium Memoria Marvin Gaye 'Royale'* benched by Malcolm Ide.**

POPULAR VOTE:



***Dendrobium Mousmee* benched by Rhonda Smith. Rhonda receives her prize from President Carole Davis.**

SECTION CHAMPIONS FROM THE CHOS 2023 SPRING SHOW

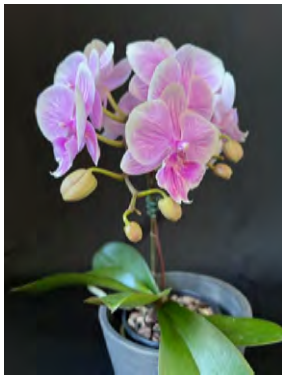
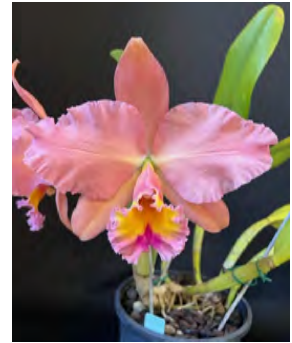
Photographs By Paige Sinclair



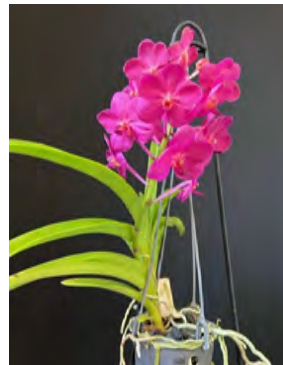
***Cymbidium Ruby Eyes*—owned by Malcolm Ide**



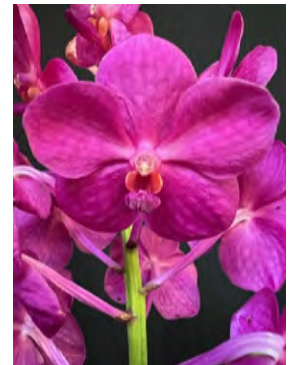
Blc. George King 'Serendipity' benched by R and B Cooper. Also received the BCU Trophy.



Champion Phalaenopsis benched by Chris and Annette Hogan — Phal. Pingying



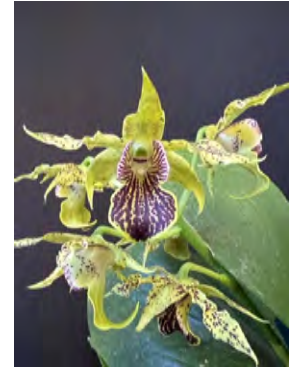
Peter Gough's winning Vanda



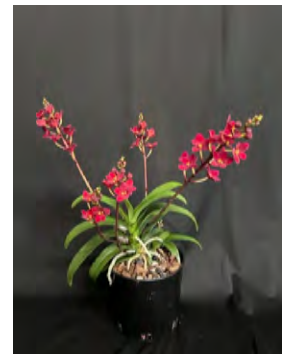
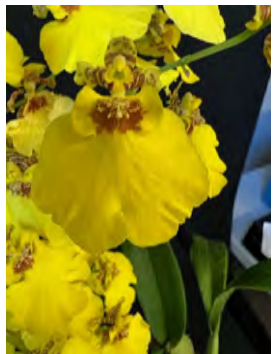
Paph. Saint Swithin owned by Max Mackay



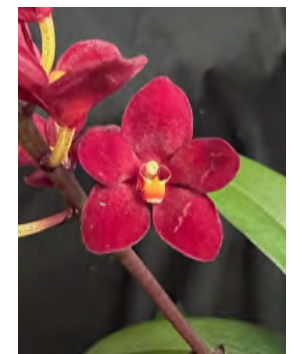
Champion Den went to Malcolm Ide for his Den. Aussie Bewitched 'Leslie'



Rhonda Smith's Oncidium Sweet Sugar



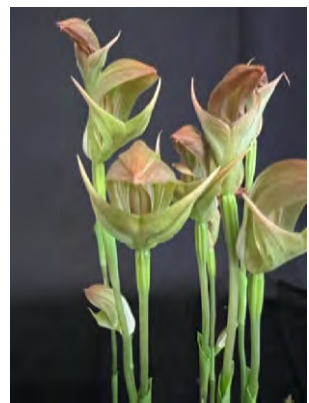
Helen Seiver benched this Sarco. and took out Champion Aussie Native



SECTION WINNERS Continued:



Malcolm Ide had the best AOV Hybrid with this Clowesetum Black Jack



***Pterostylis curta* was benched by Peter Gough— Aust. Native Species**



Champion Species was *Coelogyne flaccida* Dark Form owned by R. Smith. Also received the Pittaway Trophy.



Champion Hybrid First Flowering Seedling— Paph Saint Swithen—Max Mackay

RAFFLE WINNERS AT THE SPRING SHOW

**1st Prize:
No. E13 Purple—
RITA SWANSON**

**2nd Prize:
No. F 21 Green—
KEVIN**

PAPH RECEIVES AN AWARD OF MERIT:

Congratulations to Neville Anderson for this magnificent *Paph. Saint Swithen* 'Burleigh Waters' which was recently awarded an Award of Merit [AM] with 82.5 points. Well done, Neville.



COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT:

Report from the Committee Meeting held on 12th September, 2023 at NCRB Gardens.

1. Report given on a very successful Spring Show. Good weather, great public attendance and high quality plants on show. Preliminary report indicates that it was a financial success [more details in the Finance Report attached to this newsletter].
2. Kerrie Gosling has been confirmed by Dept Fair Trading as the new Public Officer.
3. Policies and Procedures Review continued— Update of Monthly Competition Rules, Point Score Categories and Monthly Meeting Room Set-up tabled and changes accepted.
4. Nominations are being called for the 2024 CHOS Committee. Nominations close on 26th October, 2023. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary or from the CHOS Website.
5. The Awards Presentation Luncheon will be held at the Green House Tavern on Saturday 2nd December from 12 noon. The Society will subsidise the lunch for members and their partners plus provide an \$8 drink voucher. Members will be required to pay \$25 per person.
6. The Guest Speaker and Activity Program for 2024 is being compiled and will be tabled at the October Committee Meeting.
7. Seven new members were approved— Angela Thomas, Louis Magnabosco, Paul Du Moulin, Marlene Wonisch, Peter Arnold, Dee Pfiffer and Janette Fahey. Welcome to CHOS.
8. Suggested changes to next years Spring Show Schedule were tabled and adopted.
9. Moved that there be no increase in 2024 Membership Fees. This motion to be presented for confirmation at the Nov AGM.

Next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 17th October, 2023 from 10.30am at Paige Sinclair's Workshop, Jean St, Coffs Harbour.

DUTY ROSTER 12TH OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING

JUDGING: BILL BRIGHT AND
ANN DEANS

PACK-UP TEAM: PETER GOUGH
AND PHIL PAYNE

CLEAN-UP TEAM: BRUCE HALL,
SILESA KING AND
HELEN SEIVER

CHOS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: This is set down for 2nd November and will be followed by the November General Meeting. The AGM will commence at 7.30pm.

Nominations for the CHOS 2024 Committee are now open. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the CHOS website or obtained from Kerrie Gosling [see page 2 of this newsletter for contact details]. Written nominations close with the Secretary on Thursday 26th October at 7.30pm.

If there are no written nominations for any position, then nominations will be sought from those present at the AGM. Please give careful consideration to who you would wish to lead your Orchid Society during 2024.

POSITION VACANT EDITOR OF COFFS ORCHID NEWS

Are you interested in working as the Editor of this Newsletter or as part of a team to produce this monthly publication.

Talk to President Carole Davis on
02 6658 1354

OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING: We will conduct the annual CHOS Plant Auction at our 12th October meeting. Bruce Hall will be the Auctioneer and we are expecting quality plants to be up for auction and the chance for members to obtain a bargain. NSW Native Orchids can be sold to other members without being tagged. This has shown to be a major fund raiser for the Society so we ask that members donate as many plants as they can to make the auction a top money earner. Plants other than orchids can also be donated for auction. Paige will have credit card facilities available for those who require it.

Please note that the October meeting is after the school holidays on Thursday 12th and not the 5th as previously incorrectly advertised . Hope to see you there.

WDOS ORCHID SHOWS AND CONFERENCES, 2023



New Show
**Exciting
 New Venue**
 WIIGULGA
 SPORTS COMPLEX
 Solitary Islands Way

Woolgoolga District Orchid Society Inc.

2 Day Orchid Show & Garden Expo

Saturday, September 30 & Sunday October 1, 2023
 Saturday 9.00am - 3.00pm Sunday 9.00am - 2.30pm

- Orchids and Other Plants on Sale
- Orchid Judging
- Magnificent Exotic Plant Displays
- Extraordinary Raffles to be Won
- Experts on Hand to Provide Friendly Advice
- Coffee Shop Onsite

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FREE ADMISSION

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 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

At the NEW
**WIIGULGA
 SPORTS COMPLEX**
 Solitary Islands Way, Woolgoolga

- 8 World-renowned Speakers
- Cultural Advice
- Potting Demonstrations
- Participants invited to bring
 2 Flowering Orchids
 for Popular Vote Judging
- Coffee Shop onsite



Nurserymen's Orchids on Sale

Prizes to be Won!

For more information contact - woolgoolgaorchidsociety@gmail.com



President Carole with Kevin, winner of second prize in the Spring Show Raffle. Thanks to Bruce Hall for the donation of raffle prizes.



CHOS SPRING SHOW SECTION WINNERS

- Top Centre: Chris Hogan/Phalaenopsis
- Top Right: Dick Cooper/ Laeliinae
- Lower Centre: Peter Gough/Vanda
- Lower Right: Helen Seiver/AOV Hybrid



POPULAR VOTE AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

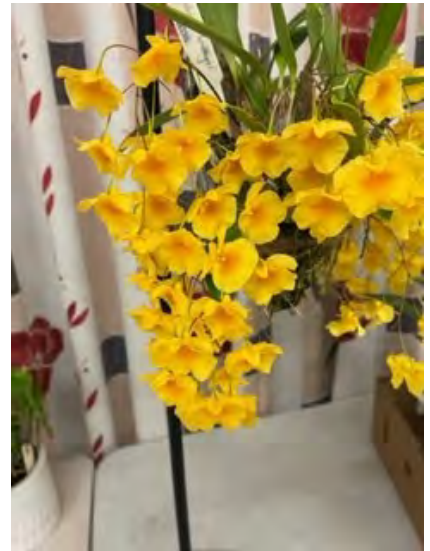


**Popular Vote at
the September
General Meeting
was awarded to**

**Paige Sinclair
for her**

***Dendrobium
lindleyi***

Congratulations!



**SOME PEOPLE NEED
A SPECIAL OCCASION
TO ENJOY A LITTLE
WINE.**

**I JUST NEED
A GLASS.**



A guy wants a divorce.
He tells the judge, "I just
can't take it anymore.
Every night she's out
until way after midnight,
just going from bar to
bar."

Judge asks, "What's she
doing?"

The guy answers,
"Looking for me."

Irish adult humor
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Coffs Harbour Orchid Society Facebook

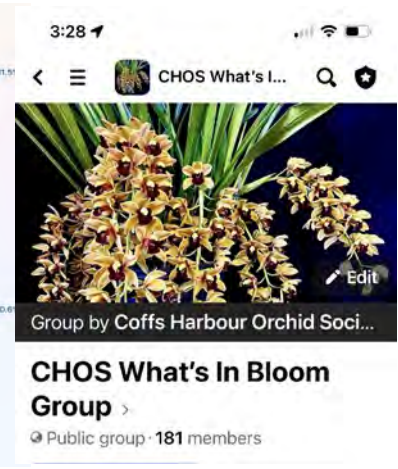
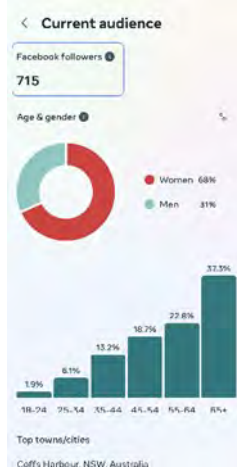
By Paige Sinclair

September 2023 – Currently, the Coffs Harbour Orchid Society has 715 likes. This is up by 25 people from August 2023. For our ‘What’s on Bloom’ page, is up by 2 people to 181 members. You will also notice that the Page photos have changed on our two pages to the Grand & Reserve Champions, both owed by Malcolm Ide. These images will remain in place until our Autumn Show in 2024.

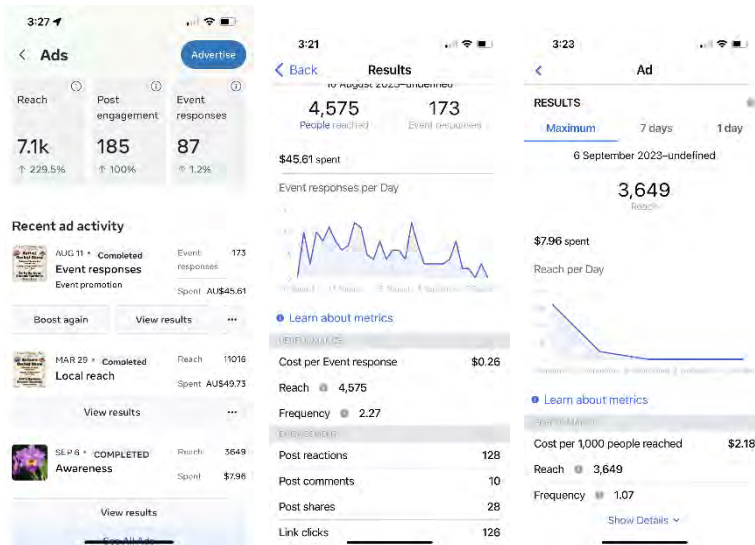


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643 likes · 715 followers



We placed a Facebook advertisement for our Spring show and the results are as follows. We spent \$30.43 in August and in September \$41.61 on the event ad, and the booster ad cost \$7.96 a total of \$80.00 for both ads.



SPONSORS' SPOT: LUDO'S OLD WARES, ULMARRA

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SUPPORT THEM AS THEY SUPPORT US





Having an empty laundry basket is the BEST 5 seconds of the week.



CHOS SUPPLIES OF ORCHID BARK: The CHOS has a supply of Kiwi Bark and Charcoal. Kiwi Orchid Bark is a hard, clean, uniformly graded *Pinus radiata* bark suitable for growing orchids. Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids, California, rates it as the best orchid bark he has ever used. The Society sells 50 litre bags for \$45 each.

Kiwi bark comes in four sizes— No.2: **3 to 8mm**; No.3: **8 to 20mm**; No.4: **20 to 25mm**; No. 5: **25 to 50mm**. (The 8 to 20mm size would be equal to mixing 9 to 12 and 12 to 18mm grades of Orchid bark and would be the ideal size for general potting purposes).

Supplies of 15mm charcoal (Orchid Char) are also available. These are in 19kg bags and sell at \$45 per bag.

Supplies are available from Paige Sinclair— Mobile: 0427 591 901

You can pick up the bark from 4 Jean Street, Coffs Harbour or make suitable arrangements with Paige regarding delivery. Payment can be via cash or Direct Deposit (Bank details Page 2).



VISIT TO ROSELLA ORCHIDS, SOUTH GRAFTON:

Our annual visit to Rosella Orchids is set down for Thursday 26th October, 2023. Travel will be by car pool leaving the car park at the Coffs Botanic Gardens shortly after 8am. There are no public toilet facilities available at Rosella Orchids so you should make arrangement for a toilet stop prior to arriving at the nursery. We are expected to arrive by 9.30am. It would be appreciated if you are able to take other members who may not have a car. A list will be available at the October meeting for those interested in taking part in this excursion. Rosella has a large stock of orchid hardware and plants.

Visit to Dorrigo National Park:

Thank you Frank for putting this activity together – those of us who made the trip up to Dorrigo had a really great day. The weather was perfect, although a bit chilly in the shade, and we managed to walk, admire, enjoy, all that was on offer. Lunch was good, and then we ventured to the *Never Never* area. Too late to linger but an idea for another day. Those of you who have heard Neville Anderson refer to the orchids above the old toilet in that area inspired some detours, and at last we did find the right spot. In fact, we have now decided that although the orchids were not in flower, their nomenclature should be referred to (within CHOS) as *Sarchochilus dunnyii* – I doubt that would be acceptable to RHS but there again they have probably not travelled up the hill to Dorrigo and needed a rest stop !! *Carole Davis.*



THINGS WE SAY TODAY WHICH WE OWE TO SHAKESPEARE:

"KNOCK, KNOCK! WHO'S THERE?"
 "IN A PICKLE" "SET YOUR TEETH ON EDGE" "HEART OF GOLD"
 "FAINT HEARTED" "SO-SO" "GOOD RIDDANCE"
 "LIE" "FIGHT FIRE" "BATED" "COME WHAT MAY"
 "LOW" "WITH FIRE" "BREATH" "THE GAME IS UP"
 "WEAR YOUR HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE"
 "NOT SLEPT ONE WINK" "FULL CIRCLE" "OUT OF THE JAWS OF DEATH"
 "WHAT'S DONE IS DONE" "NAKED" "TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING"
 "LAUGHING STOCK" "TRUTH" "BREAK THE ICE" "WILD GOOSE CHASE"
 "HEART OF HEARTS" "VANISH INTO THIN AIR"
 "SEEN BETTER DAYS" "MAKES YOUR HAIR STAND ON END"
 "DEAD AS A DOORNAIL" "FOR GOODNESS' SAKE" "LOVE IS BLIND"
 "GREEN EYED MONSTER" "FAIR / FOUL" "PLAY / PLAY" "OFF WITH HIS HEAD"
 "THE WORLD IS MY OYSTER" "BRAVE NEW WORLD"
 "BE ALL / END ALL" "A SORRY SIGHT"

What type of coffee are you?



Cappuccino

Goes with the flow, always late but never in a rush, likely to be easily distracted



Espresso

Highly organised, writes lists, always on time, manages the group assignment



Iced Coffee

Colour coordinated timetable, everyone's friend, always starts the group chat



Affogato

Creative, enjoys meeting new people, life of the party



Takeaway

Always in a rush, study notes are a mess, leaves assignments until the last minute



Flat White

Meditates, clear and organised study desk, listens to crime podcasts

[Best of the Evening Series Courtesy of the KOS Monthly Bulletin]

Aerides is a genus of about 28 Asian species related to the Vandas. They are medium size plants and have smallish flowers, generally around 2 or 3 cm diameter, but they have lots of them. They often have multiple arching or pendent flower spikes at the same time and make a fabulous display when they flower.

Aerides multiflora comes from fairly wide ranging areas of moderate elevation (0- 1100m), from India in the east to Vietnam in the west, and down through Thailand. It is often found as an epiphyte in deciduous or semi-deciduous forests. The foxtail inflorescences are up to 30cm long and carry roughly 50 pink and white, 2.2cm flowers. The one shown looks like a fairly young plant, and its spikes will get longer as the plant grows and builds strength.

Aerides multiflora is one of those orchids that some can grow cold and others cannot. To some extent the difference is a matter of where you live and how harsh winter applies itself in your location. However, there are also two fairly distinct genetic strains in the *A. multiflora* gene pool.

According to the wonderful culture info in OrchidWiz from Charles and Margaret Baker, the type variety is the one that comes from the slightly higher elevations, mostly from the western end of its range, the other form comes from the eastern end of the range and from significantly lower elevations, and are sometimes referred to as *A. multiflora* var. *godfroyana*.

My rule of thumb for whether I can grow a species cold is based on the elevations from which it is mostly found. Not that such a measure is easy to determine of course, but these days the internet is very informative and Orchidwiz is a great information source.

I have found over many years experience that orchid species that are regularly found at elevations of 1500m or above can always be safely grown cold in my roofed shadehouse, where the winter temperature can drop to 0 or 1°C. Species found between 1000 and 1500m can probably also be grown cold (that is, without heat) but some might be touchy and subject to leaf spotting below 5°C. Species from below 1000m nearly all need artificial heat at my place.



Aerides fieldingii

As you can see, multiflora is one of these maybe's for me. I tried one years ago and it died in its first winter, but I was less experienced then, and perhaps it was one of the warmer kinds. I am trying again now and have raised a seedling up to near flowering size, just no flowers yet. By the way, don't ask me how to tell you which variety is which because the way they have been ;line bred these days, I doubt anyone can tell. What I am really doing for you is just giving you a perfect excuse if you try one and fail. If you buy one and it dies, it is clearly one of the warmer growing varieties - don't you agree? But don't let me put you off having a go. How about the pictures on the previous page to show you what a beauty it can be if you succeed.

Aerides
odorata →



And what would you think if you were walking through the jungle and saw the tree in the picture on the previous page, covered in multiflora seedlings like that one. Wow!

The other *Aerides* species are pretty good too, and some of them, like *A. odorata* (above) and *fieldingii* (syn *rosea*) (previous page), can come from higher elevations which makes them a little more cold tolerant. I recommend you keep an eye out for advanced seedlings at the shows and orchid fairs.

[Photos courtesy www.]



Dick Cooper, Mid North Coast Judging Panel Leader, presenting Rhonda Smith with a AOC/OSNSW cultural award for her *Coelogyne flaccida*. Congratulations, Rhonda.

Monthly Meeting Competitions: The CHOS Committee has revamped the various categories that apply for the monthly benching competition. The plan is to make it clearer as to what each Category includes and make it simpler for members to use. Most are minor changes such as removing the word Novelty and replacing it with the more up-to-date term of Non - Exhibition Shape, etc. The current competition will continue with the previous categories. This years competition finishes with the November meeting. The winners of this comp will be announced at the Annual Awards Luncheon at the Green House Tavern on 2nd December.

The revamped categories will come into force with the start of the 2024 Monthly Competition which commences in February. A list of the new categories will be published in the December edition of this newsletter.

We have also made new Benching Cards for use in the Monthly Competition. Copies are printed on page 14 for your use or can be downloaded from the CHOS website.

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Class: _____

Plant Name: _____

Please print your name on the back

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