



COFFS ORCHID NEWS APRIL 2024 PUBLICATION OF THE COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

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EDITORIAL:

In 1735, Swedish Botanist, Carl Linnaeus, developed the current system we use for naming all living [and non-living] organisms. Every organism has its own unique name comprising of a minimum of two parts, a Genus and a Specific Name — known as Binomial Nomenclature. All orchids are named using this binomial nomenclature and have a two-part name such as *Dendrobium bigibbum*. There are specific rules for how this naming system operates but this is not the place to expand on that method. Over the years orchids have been divided into groups based on similar characteristics. Often, after detailed study, a botanist will propose a name change or a regrouping of specific orchids. Some botanists propose that a number of orchids should be placed together in a group [called Lumpers] or they may propose that a specific group of orchids be divided into two or more new groups [called Splitters].

Sometimes this happens at a regular rate and if you trace the history of many orchids you will see they have had many name changes over the years. Each of these names [called a Synonym] is acceptable as the proper identification of a specific orchid but the educated grower is the one who knows and uses the currently acceptable name. In order to coordinate the naming of organisms, organisations have been set up to administer and record these acceptable name changes. For orchids, the current authority is the Royal Horticultural Society [RHS] based in the UK.

In the early 1950's, James Watson and Francis Crick proposed a double helix model for the DNA molecule and put forward a possible molecular sequence which provided a genetic code for all organisms. This explained how one gene was different from another.

Since the 1950's the science of Genetics has expanded enormously and now it is easy to examine the DNA of any orchid and then compare this DNA pattern with the DNA pattern of other orchids. It is this DNA analysis that has allowed botanists to confirm the relationship between one orchid and another. In many cases it has resulted in a re-classification of that orchid and so a change in name.

There is little to argue about once the DNA defines where a certain orchid fits in the overall classification system. Once there is overwhelming DNA evidence, then the Royal Horticultural Society may agree to a name change and it will then become official as the acceptable name for that orchid.

Some growers will not change their plant labels, they will not learn the new name and refuse to use it in conversations. They say "it will change again next week so why change the label". That was the old system but DNA analysis means that genetic relationships are now clearly established and only minor changes will occur in the future.

The message is clear :

Bite the bullet! Change your label. Learn the new name. Learn to live with it and move on.

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CALENDAR, 2024

4 April—Back To Basics—Part 4
Pests and Diseases
- Paige and Bob

2 May—Terete Oncidiinae Orchids
- Bruce Hall

6 June—Creating Different Zones
in a Greenhouse—Peter Gough

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



CHOS BANK DETAILS

BSB No: 533-000

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PHOTOS FROM THE CHOS MARCH MONTHLY MEETING



***Vanda Brightons 'Ruby Jewel'* benched by Peter Gough**



Rhonda Smith benched this Ctna. Whynot Roundabout X Self



***Dendrobium bigibbum compactum* benched by Silesa King**



***Bratonia [Miltassia] Aztec 'Toni'* benched by Paige Sinclair**



***Vanda Trevor Rathbone X A. Yip Sun Wah* benched by Peter Gough**



***Paph. lantha Stage* owned by Rhonda Smith**



***Rsc. Dream Trader* owned by Rhonda Smith**



***Cattleya Jungle Eyes* owned by Helen Seiver**



***Coelogyne macranthum* benched by Silesa King**

Photos by Paige Sinclair

CHOS COMMITTEE REPORT

The following is a summary from the CHOS March Committee Meeting conducted on 12th March, 2024 at "The Workshop".

- ◆ The meeting room set up at the Botanic Gardens worked well for the March meeting. Some minor adjustments will be made for the April meeting.
- ◆ Little response received from members for completion of the Monthly Meeting Roster.
- ◆ The draw was made for the 2024 Plant Growing Competition. Plants were allocated and Growing Guides are to be emailed to each member.
- ◆ Prizes for the 2023 Growing Competition to be awarded at a future meeting.
- ◆ Post Office Box for the CHOS has been cancelled.
- ◆ Society Shirts—samples to be available at the April Meeting.
- ◆ Members Chinese Banquet set down for 20th April has been postponed.
- ◆ The Committee is still investigation a suitable larger venue for future shows.
- ◆ Membership - Many members are still to renew their CHOS membership for 2024. If not paid by the end of March then those members names will be removed from the membership list.
- ◆ There has been an increase in the cost of bark supplies. Regrettably, the Committee will have to increase the price per bag to \$50.
- ◆ All CHOS Sponsors have paid their sponsorship for 2024. The Committee thanks each of them for their continued support.
- ◆ All Show organisation is on track.
- ◆ Next Committee Meeting will be held at "The Workshop" on 9th April, 2024 at 10.30am.

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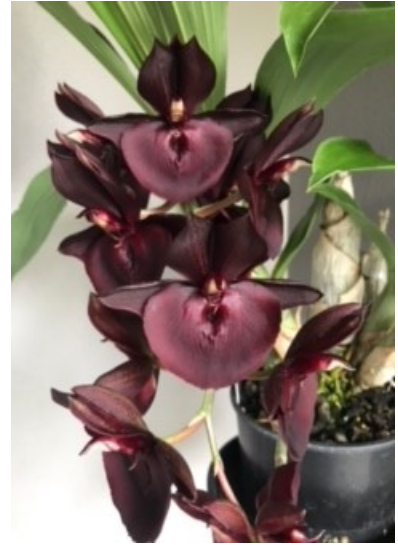
You never really know the true impact you have on those around you. You never know how much someone needed that smile you gave them. You never know how much your kindness turned someone's entire life around. You never know how much someone needed that long hug or deep talk. So don't wait to be kind. Don't wait for someone else to be kind first. Don't wait for better circumstances or for someone to change. Just be kind, because you never know how much someone needs it.

- Nikki Banas

POPULAR VOTE AT THE CHOS MARCH 2024 GENERAL MEETING



**Popular Vote at
the CHOS
March Meeting
was awarded to
Rhonda Smith for
her awesome
Catasetum Maria
Mercado 'Dylan'
HCC/AOC
Congratulations!**



**PHOTOS OF THE MAJOR WINNERS AT THE WORLD ORCHID CONFERENCE HELD IN TAIWAN,
FEBRUARY 2024.**



GRAND CHAMPION

[*Rhynchostylis*]



CHAMPION PHALAENOPSIS



**CHAMPION
PAPH**



**CHAMPION
DENDROBIUM**



**CHAMPION
BULBOPHYLLUM**



**CHAMPIONS
TABLE**

Photos courtesy of Paige Sinclair

TIPS IN PREPARING PLANTS FOR THE SHOW BENCH

- ◆ Early staking is important to ensure that flowers develop with correct orientation and present well to the Judges. You can use clips in the early stages but it may be better to replace these with ties prior to the show. Often an arching inflorescence presents better than an upright one.
- ◆ Follow the basic staking rules including how to tie a branching inflorescence. Do not tie or clip any part of the ovary of the flower. Make sure that stakes are cut short so they don't cause eye damage, etc.
- ◆ Remove any additional travelling ties so the orchid presents well. Sometimes removal of hanging hooks gives the orchid a cleaner look.
- ◆ Prior to the Show clean up the plant. Remove old flower stalks, dead leaves, etc. Cleaning the leaves (metho, etc) may help in presenting a nice-looking plant.
- ◆ Remove any signs of disease and pests. For example, a small amount of scale can be removed with a cotton bud dipped in metho. Please don't bring diseased plants to the Show. The Show Marshal will remove them as they may endanger plants of other growers.
- ◆ Each pot or mount needs proper support. Don't expect the Show Marshal to do it for you. Plants that are not self-supporting may be removed from the exhibition as they can fall over and damage other entries. Use a larger pot, pot feet, etc, to make sure the plant is stable. Proper stands or upside-down pots may help to elevate the plants.
- ◆ Tables will be provided outside the Show Room so you can unpack and label your plants before benching. When ready, place your plants on the inside receiving table or hand to an official at that table. The official will then place the plant in the correct place on the bench. Please do not bench the plant yourself. If you have a large specimen plant then please talk to the Show Marshal who may then direct you as to where to place it to save double handling.

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CHOS APRIL MONTHLY MEETING—Thursday 4th April starting at 7.30pm.

Paige and Bob will present Back To Basics Part 4 on “Orchid Diseases and Pests”.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would bring a contribution for members supper.

Don't forget to bring your new Competition Plant, *Cattleya* Beautiful Sunset for it's first judging.

Duty Persons for this meeting: Judges: Malcolm Ide and Marcia Lusted

Packing Up: Volunteers on the night **Cleaning Up:** Volunteers on the night

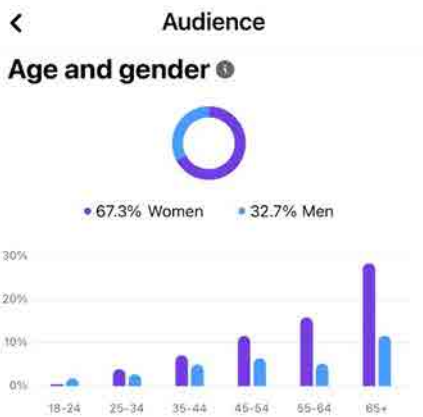
Coffs Harbour Orchid Society Facebook

March 2024 – Currently, the Coffs Harbour Orchid Society has 866 likes. This is up by 143 people from February 2024. Our 'What's on Bloom' page, is up by 7 people to 195 members, for the same period.



Coffs Harbour Orchid Society

794 likes · 866 followers



Bangladesh	6 1%
Italy	6 1%
Malaysia	6 1%
Vietnam	5 1%

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Coffs Harbour, NSW, Australia	91 10%
Sydney, NSW, Australia	65 7%
Melbourne, VIC, Australia	39 4%
Brisbane, QLD, Australia	18 2%
Gold Coast, QLD, Australia	15 2%
Wollongong, NSW, Australia	9 1%
Boambee East, NSW, Australia	8 1%
Perth, WA, Australia	8 1%
Toormina, NSW, Australia	8 1%
Woolgoolga, NSW, Australia	8 1%

Top countries

Australia	548 63%
Philippines	53 6%
United States	52 6%
India	21 2%
South Africa	10 1%
Pakistan	8 1%



CHOS What's In Bloom Group

Private group · 195 members

CHOS SUPPLIES OF ORCHID BARK:

The CHOS now has a NEW supply of Kiwi Bark and Charcoal. Kiwi Orchid Bark is a hard, clean, uniformly graded *Pinus radiata* bark suitable for growing orchids. Due to price rises The Society has had to increase to price of 50 litre bags and these now sell for **\$50 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

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2025 AOC

International Conference & Show



Orchids
from the
Mountains
to the Sea

23rd Australian Orchid Council International Conference & Show 2025

Wednesday, October 1 to Sunday, October 5

Woolgoolga Sports Complex
Solitary Islands Way, Woolgoolga
New South Wales, Australia

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**Autumn
Orchid Show**



Saturday 27 April

10am to 5pm

(Plant Sales from 8am)

Sunday 28 April 2024

9am to 3pm

at the

**Coffs Harbour
Botanic Gardens**

Hardacre Street

\$2 Entry Fee (Children U16 Free)

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Benching plants for our Orchid Shows

By Paige Sinclair

Overview

In October 2025 Woolgoolga District Orchid Society will be hosting the 2025 Australian Orchid Show. This show will attract over 600 plants that will need a legible name tag, with a unique number and other information to assist stewards in placing these plants in their proper place. Some of these plants will be in displays and will need to be judged in their rightful section. To streamline this process, and to make it easier for growers, I have developed a system that I need to trial prior to the national event. Coffs Harbour and Woolgoolga societies will be the selected organisations to test my system.

No longer will growers need to hand write the benching tags and place a number on that tag when you delivery your plants. Instead, growers will complete an Excel Spreadsheet with the details of the plants likely to be benched and e-mail it by 12:00 on the day benching opens. Late entries and scratched plants can be dealt with on the day. It's better to list this plant in the spreadsheet and then not bring it on the day, rather than to be hopeful and scramble to get a computer-generated tag/number.

The spreadsheet:

Type your name here.

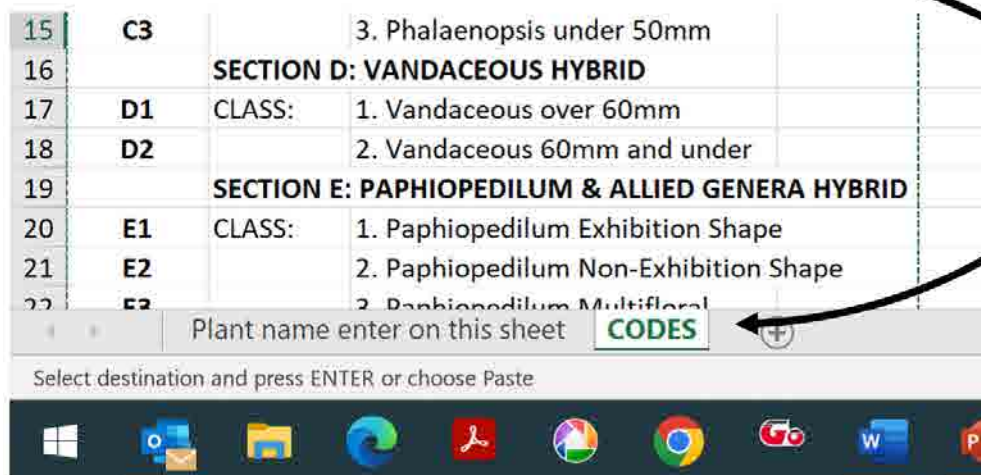
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Write your name here		Plant Name: (list all plants to be Judged)		Class Number:	Display Y	Species or Hybrid (S or H)	Seedling (Y or N)	Foliage (F)
		Stanhopea oculata	J11		S	N		
		Catleya No ID	B2		A	N		

Leave these two columns blank. Write the scientific name in this column, the class and section in this column.


Please indicate if the plant is a Species or a Hybrid (S or H). In the next column indicated if the plant is a Seedling on Not (S or N). And finally, if there is a foliage category and you have a foliage plant indicate it here. (F)


If when we get to the 2025 AOC Conference, and you have a plant in a display – please put a Y in this column.

List of CODES is on the second tab at the bottom of the spreadsheet.



Code	Full description
SECTION A: CYMBIDIUM HYBRID	
A1	CLASS: 1. Cymbidium Standard over 90mm
A2	2. Cymbidium Intermediate 60-90mm
A3	3. Cymbidium Miniature under 60mm
SECTION B: LAELIINAE ALLIANCE HYBRID	
B1	CLASS: 1. Laeliinae Exhibition over 100mm
B2	2. Laeliinae Intermediate 60-100mm
B3	3. Laeliinae Miniature under 60mm
B4	4. Laeliinae Cluster (min 5 flowers)
B5	5. Laeliinae Non-Exhibition Shape
SECTION C: PHALAEOPSIS HYBRID	
C1	CLASS: 1. Phalaenopsis Classic. over 75mm
C2	2. Phalaenopsis 50-75mm
C3	3. Phalaenopsis under 50mm
SECTION D: VANDACEOUS HYBRID	
D1	CLASS: 1. Vandaceous over 60mm
D2	2. Vandaceous 60mm and under
SECTION E: PAPHIOPEDILUM & ALLIED GENERA HYBRID	
E1	CLASS: 1. Paphiopedilum Exhibition Shape
E2	2. Paphiopedilum Non-Exhibition Shape
E3	3. Paphiopedilum Multifloral
E4	4. Phragmipedium Any Variety
SECTION F: DENDROBIUM HYBRID NOT NATIVE	
F1	CLASS: 1. Phalaenanthe (Hard Cane) over 50mm
F2	2. Phalaenanthe (Hard Cane) 50mm and under
F3	3. Spatulata (Antelope type)
F4	4. Intermediate
F5	5. Any other Dendrobium not native
SECTION G: ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE HYBRID	
G1	CLASS: 1. Oncidiinae over 65mm
G2	2. Oncidiinae 25-65mm
G3	3. Oncidiinae under 25mm
SECTION H: AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID	
H1	CLASS: 1. Australian Native Dendrobium Hybrid
H2	2. Any Other Australian Native Hybrid
SECTION I: ANY OTHER VARIETY HYBRID	
I1	CLASS: 1. Any Other Variety Hybrid over 50mm
I2	2. Any Other Variety Hybrid 50mm and under
SECTION J: SPECIES	
J1	CLASS: 1. Cymbidium (not Aust. Native)
J2	2. Laeliinae Alliance
J3	3. Phalaenopsis
J4	4. Vandaceous
J5	5. Paphiopedilum & Allied Genera
J6	6. Dendrobium not Au.
J7	7. Oncidium Alliance
J8	8. Australian Native not Den.
J9	9. Australian Native Den.
J10	10. Bulbophyllum
J11	11. Any Other Species Not Australian Native
FFH	FIRST FLOWERING HYBRID SEEDLING
FFS	FIRST FLOWERING SPECIES SEEDLING
CN	CHOS NOVICE (Members Only) (1st & 2nd)

Stanhopea oculata			
		Display	
Species or Hybrid:	S		
Seedling:	N	Class Number:	J11
Exhibitor Code:	SP	Exhibit Number:	0001

Cattleya No ID			
		Display	
Species or Hybrid:	H		
Seedling:	N	Class Number:	B2
Exhibitor Code:	H	Exhibit Number:	0002

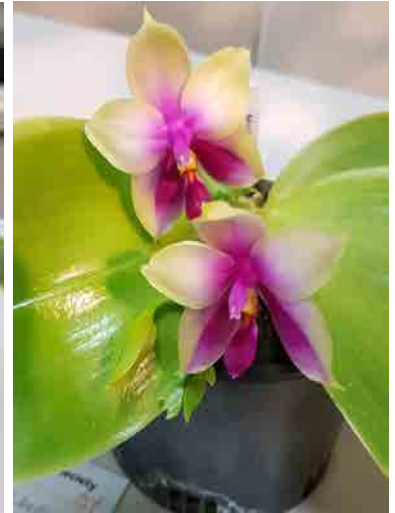
EXAMPLES of the EXIBITORS CARD'S

FEATURE ARTICLE:

The following is an article written by Jim Brydie and featured in the KOS February, 2024 Bulletin and reproduced with permission.

Phal violacea and Phal bellina

This is a complicated group of Phally species that have had a few names over the years but whatever you call them it doesn't take a taxonomist to see they are at the very least very closely related. There were two benched last meeting. One benched by Jean Fulcher labelled Phal. bellina (the one on the right) but for the other we didn't record the name. I am tempted to say it is an albino form of Phal violacea because I have seen many others of this type but it could just as easily be an albino bellina or even a hybrid.



{Jean Fulcher later told me both were hers and the green one was Phal Joy Pink Princess (Phal violacea x Tsay's Evergreen) and it came from Kevin Hipkins.}

In the Feb 2015 bulletin I wrote a little about this group of Phallies but they haven't come up much more recently and I think they are worthy of bit of information. So, here is the 2015 write up again.

Phal. violacea comes from Borneo, Sumatra, and Malaya, usually growing on shady trees near low-land rivers. This is a warm, humid grower. The leaves are uniquely glossy and while they are usually about 25 to 30cm long, they can get up to 60cm on a well grown plant. Plants not in flower have sometimes been mistaken for the other big phally (Phal gigantea). The fleshy, waxy flowers, at 5 to 7 cm, are relatively large for one of these fewer flowered types, but they sit up close to the crown and present themselves beautifully. There can be up to 5 flowers sequentially, but usually just 2 or 3.

The colour is variable. Plants from the Malayan peninsular are usually a fairly uniform rose magenta. On others, the tips of the sepals and petals are usually green while the centre of the flower is magenta to varying extents. Those from Borneo are slightly different again, with the sepals and petals having a white base with a greenish suffusion, the outer third apple green, and there are varying amounts of magenta in the inner portion. There is a pleasing 'opalescent' look about the greener forms and they are very popular.

There are about 50 species in the genus Phalaenopsis and many, many, varieties. Like many larger genera, some groups of species are more closely related to each other than to the rest of the genus. These are grouped in "Sections", and Phal violacea belongs to Phalaenopsis Section Zebrinae. Its 'cousins' in Section Zebrinae are Phal corningiana, inscriptiosinensis, speciosa, sumatrana, tetrapsis, and zebrina.

The colour in Sect Zebrinae species occurs in concentric rings of dashes and bars. In some of the full coloured forms of violacea, the patterns overlap to the point where they are invisible or barely

visible, and the flower looks full coloured, but in others, like the picture at the right, you can clearly see the pattern. The other pattern extreme is demonstrated in the species *tetrapsis* where the colour is usually limited to barely a spot or two on the sepals and petals, and occasionally even these don't show.



↓ various colour Forms of *Phal. violacea*



two forms of variety *Bellina*



variety *Sumatra*



variety *Malaya*



two forms of variety *alba*



two forms of variety *Coerulea*



References – *Orchidwiz database, internet pictures, and "The Genus Phalaenopsis" by Herrman Sweet.*

BITS AND PIECES:

- Growers who intend selling plants on the Sales Table at the Autumn Show will need to obtain a reconciliation form from Paige Sinclair and record the plants they wish to sell. Paige also has the official sales tags which need to be filled out and attached to the sales plant. Growers should use their own numbering system to identify each of their plants. For example John Citizen may use the code JC1, JC2, etc. As usual the CHOS will charge 15% commission on all plant sales.
- If members wish to sell NSW Native Orchids [Species and Hybrids] at the Autumn Show then they need to complete a simple registration form and obtain a CHOS Licence Tag. Attach the tag to the pot. Forms can be obtained from Bob Southwell. There is no charge for this tagging service.
- Please check out the Show Schedule attached with this newsletter. All members entering plants into the Show should be aware of the rules listed in the schedule. Benching will occur on Friday between 3pm and 6pm and again on Saturday between 6.30am and 7.30am. Check out the new registration procedures outlined on pages 10 and 11 of this newsletter.

GROWING GUIDE FOR THE 2024 GROWING PLANT COMPETITION

The following is a basic growing guide for the hybrid plant *Cattleya Beautiful Sunset*

This is a hybrid of *Cattleya Orpettei* X *Cattleya sincorana*. It is a mini *Cattleya* with fragrant flowers. It was first crossed by J. Miura in 1990. It has since been registered with the RHS as *Cattleya Beautiful Sunset*.

Repotting: These plants are currently in 70mm pots. It would be best to repot this plant now into a potting mix suitable for your cultural methods. Repotting can be stressful to the plant so only repot when necessary. They need an open, well drained mix. Good quality bark (Grade 2 Kiwi Bark) would be ideal for this purpose. Some perlite and small-sized stones (or scoria, gravel, etc.) could be added to the mix. You could add coconut chips if you wish but too much may mean the mix holds too much water. Limit pot size to suit root volume and don't over pot. The pot should not be too deep so squat pots are ideal.



Watering: *Cattleyas* like lots of water but let them dry out between watering's. On hot days, they will benefit from wetting the shade house floor to increase humidity and slightly lower the temperature. Try not to get water into the developing flower sheaths as this may cause immature flowers to rot.

Light: *Cattleya Alliance* orchids require bright light (50% to 70% shade cloth is suitable) but not strong sunshine. They will not flower without plenty of light. In the right conditions the leaves will be apple green. Darker leaves indicate too little light while yellow leaves indicate too much light.

Fertilizing: They require regular fertilizing. Apply a weak solution of liquid orchid fertilizer each week or fortnight. Use a lower nitrogen and higher phosphorus/potassium fertilizer when plants are approaching flowering. Some growers add Slow Release Fertilizer such as Plantacote High K [8 months] at repotting.

Air Movement: They grow best where there is plenty of air movement. Don't put plants too close together. Use of a fan will aid in ventilation.

Diseases and Pests: Keep an eye out for any pests and diseases and apply the proper control methods as required. Applying a general-purpose fungicide (Mancozeb) could be beneficial. Mealy bug and scale can be a problem and these may hide among the leaf bases and flower sheaths.

Good Growing!
And good luck!

From OrchidWiz

