



## **COFFS ORCHID NEWS OCTOBER 2024 PUBLICATION OF THE COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY**

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### **EDITORIAL:**

**As soon as members of the public walked into the Show Room at this year's Spring Show, there were gasps of delight and exclamations about the wonderful flowers that filled the Show Room at the Coffs Harbour Botanic Gardens. Not only were there spectacular flowers on the Champions' table but on every bench there were amazing examples of the plants from the fascinating world of orchids.**

**This year's Show saw a wide variety of orchids benched and pleasant weather saw good attendance from the public. This edition of the newsletter features the highlights of the 2024 Spring Show.**

**196 plants were benched by 16 growers and these provided a colourful display. It seems the orchid season was two or three weeks earlier than in 2023, so different varieties of orchids were entered when compared to last year's Show.**

**The Grand Champion Ribbon and Trophy was again sponsored this year by Rosella Orchids from South Grafton. This was awarded to Malcolm Ide for his outstanding green cascading *Cymbidium* Marcia Pettijohn 'Long Legs'.**

**The Reserve Champion Ribbon and Trophy went to Rhonda Smith for her spectacular *Dendrobium* Mousmee. This eye-catching hybrid was awarded the Champion Specimen of the Show and also received a cultural award from the Judges. In addition, Rhonda's plant was selected by the visiting public for the Popular Vote Award.**

**A pictorial report of the Grand, Reserve and Specimen Champions as well as the Champions of each Section of the Show is included in this newsletter. 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 the running of this Show.**

**The staging of each Show would not be possible without the significant hours of hard work contributed by our members. Thank you to everyone for their assistance, cooperation and enthusiasm. Excellent work!**

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### CALENDAR, 2024/25

17 Oct—Giant Auction

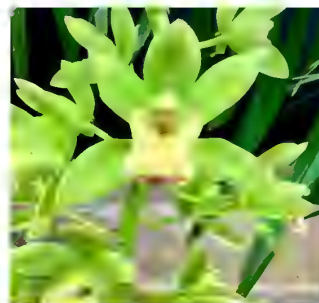
7 Nov—AGM/Display Judging

7 Dec— Annual Awards  
Presentation,  
Pacific Palace Chinese Restaurant

6 Feb'25—Endemic Orchids in  
Our Backyard—Neville Anderson

6 March—My Orchid Journey—  
Ray Clement, Tinonee Orchids

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.

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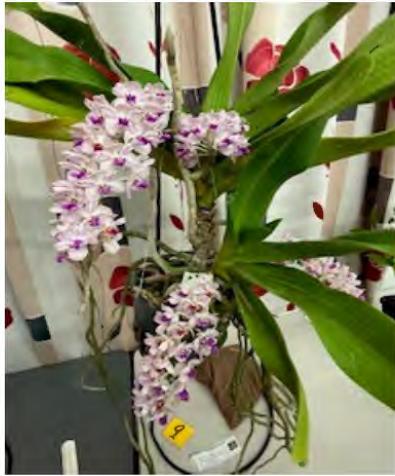
## CHOS COMMITTEE REPORT

The following is a summary from the CHOS September Committee Meeting conducted on 10th Sept 2024 at "The Workshop".

- ◆ All Committee members were present.
- ◆ Positive reports on the Deflasking Workshop held at the September General Meeting. Thanks to Paige and Peter for their efforts and enthusiasm.
- ◆ The Spring Show was very successful with perfect weather. 196 plants /16 growers. Good publicity leading up to the Show. Roster requires some adjustments to make it more user friendly.
- ◆ Logo shirts were well received by members.
- ◆ CHOS is now officially registered as a "Not For Profit Organisation" so the Society does not have to pay tax on any profit it may make annually.
- ◆ Confirmed that after negotiations, the CHOS Autumn Show (25-27 April 2025) will be held at the Botanic Gardens rather than at a new venue. We can now book the Gardens from 2 to 5 years in advance. It has been decided to stop looking for alternate Show venues.
- ◆ Bunnings Fund Raising BBQ will be held on 12th October.
- ◆ 2025 Calendar completed and tabled. Approved.
- ◆ New members approved—Chris and Annette Hogan, Louise Power and Paul and Jeanette Bamford. A warm welcome to all.
- ◆ Sponsors—Shearwater Restaurant closed indefinitely due to redevelopment at the property site.
- ◆ Visit to Rosella Nursery set down for 17th October 2024. Meet 8.30 at Botanic Gardens . Arrive Rosella for a 10am start.
- ◆ Nominations are now open for the AGM on 7 November. Nominations close with Kerrie Gosling at 7pm on Thursday 31st October. A Returning Officer has been appointed to conduct the elections.
- ◆ CHOS Annual Presentation Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday 7th December at Pacific Palace Chinese Restaurant—12 to 2.30pm . Members to pay subsidised rate of \$25 per person for lunch and a drink.
- ◆ Orchid Display at Garden Mania on 19th—20th October. Members are welcome to display plants on one or both days.
- ◆ Peter Gough has proposed that there be a reduction in the number of Classes for the Monthly General Meeting Orchid Competition. Details to be tabled at a future meeting.
- ◆ Purchase of Welcome and Raffle plants from Rosella Orchids (Budget of \$500) was approved.
- ◆ OrchidWiz is running a final upgrade in readiness for sale of the program. Approved to spend \$373 to obtain latest upgrade for use by CHOS members.
- ◆ Next Committee Meeting will be held at 'The Workshop' on Tuesday 22nd October 2024.

### VALE BETTY FLANDERS:

**We are saddened to report that Betty Flanders, the mother of staunch CHOS members Helen Siever and Sue Flanders, recently passed away (at 95 years of age) surrounded by her loving family. We send our condolences to Helen and Sue and their families.**



**Popular Vote at  
the CHOS  
September  
Meeting was  
awarded to Peter  
Gough for his  
outstanding  
*Rhynchostylis  
gigantea*  
Congratulations!**



### **Joke Time from Frank Pappalardo:**

An Irishman walked into a shop and asked 'Can I have some Irish sausages, please?'

The assistant looked at him and asked 'Are you Irish?'

'If I had asked you for an Italian sausage, would you ask me if I was Italian?' demanded the Irishman indignantly. Or if I had asked for German Bratwurst, would you ask me if I was German?'

Then he went on and asked, 'or if I asked for a Kosher hot dog would you ask me if I was Jewish?'

The assistant said 'Well no'

'If I asked you for frogs legs would you ask me if I was French?'

'What about Danish bacon? Would you ask me if I was Danish?'

'Well no' conceded the assistant.

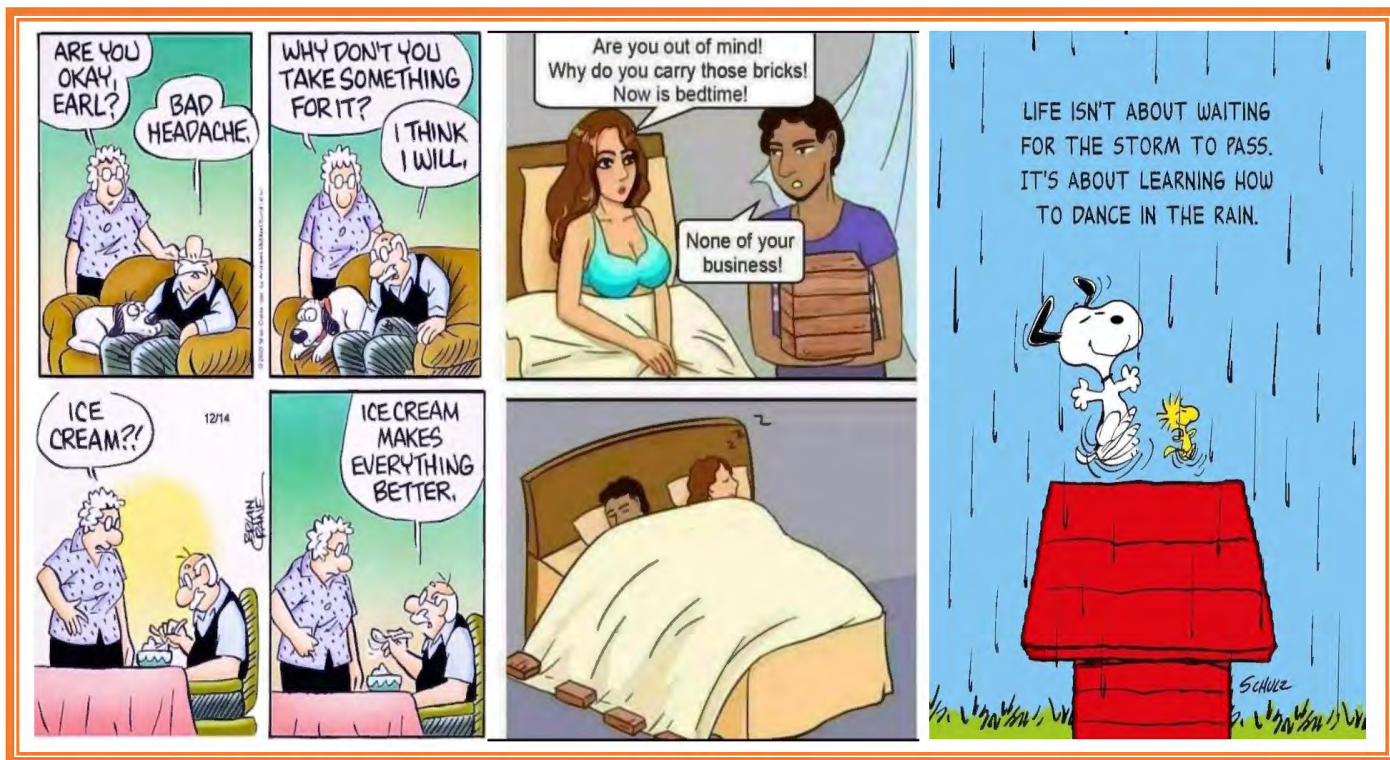
'So the Irishman says 'Well, alright then, why did you ask me if I'm Irish just because I asked for Irish sausages?'

The assistant replied 'Because you're in Bunnings'



**A magnificent *Dendrobium speciosum*  
var. *curvicaule* grown by Malcolm Ide  
was awarded a Cultural Award at a re-  
cently convened judging session.**

**Congratulations to Malcolm for growing  
such a striking plant.**



## SPONSORS' SPOT: DARK STAR ORCHIDS

Dark Star Orchids nursery, located in the beautiful Mid North Coast of NSW, is a leading orchid grower and online orchid seller of rare and exotic orchid species for collectors and enthusiasts. We will frequently add to and change the orchids in our nursery, so please come back and visit us regularly on our online site.

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CHOS OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING—Thursday 17th October starting at 7.00pm.

MONSTER PLANT AUCTION

Conducted by Auctioneer Bruce Hall

Donations of orchids, other plants and hardware would be appreciated.

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

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

**Duty Persons for this meeting:**

**Judges:** BILL BRIGHT AND PETER FUNNELL

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

**REMINDER : THE OCTOBER MEETING COMMENCES AT 7PM**

## Coffs Harbour Orchid Society Facebook

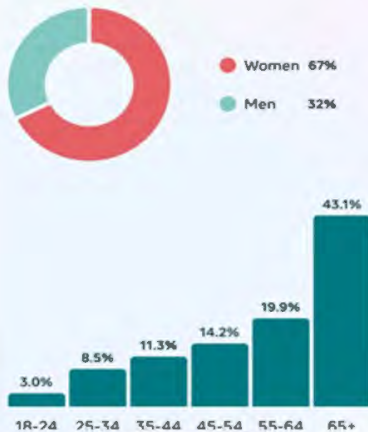
September 2024 – Currently, the Coffs Harbour Orchid Society has 2,993 likes. This is up by 40 people since August 2024. Our 'What's on Bloom' page, is up by 7 people to 350 members, for the same period.



### Coffs Harbour Orchid Society

2,983 Facebook followers >

#### Age and gender



#### Current audience



### CHOS What's In Bloom

#### Group >

Private group by Coffs Harbour Orchid Society  
350 members

## CHOS SUPPLIES OF ORCHID BARK: NEW SUPPLIES—FRESH BARK JUST ARRIVED

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. 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).



**Joke Time:** A women took her sick duck to the vet, who, after checking it over, told her it had died.

'Are you sure?' she said. 'Can't you do some more tests?'

The vet went out and returned with a black Labrador, which sniffed the duck from top to bottom, then shook its head and left. Next the vet fetched a cat, which jumped on the table and sniffed the duck from bill to webbed foot, then shook its head. 'I'm sorry, there's nothing we can do' said the vet, presenting the women with an invoice for \$150.

'A hundred and fifty dollars just to tell me my duck is dead?' the women exclaimed.

'Well it would have been \$20,' said the vet, but we did a lab report and cat scan'.

**MAJOR CHAMPIONS FROM THE CHOS 2024 SPRING SHOW**



**Grand Champion orchid at the 2024 CHOS Spring Show was *Cymbidium* Marcia Pettijohn 'Long Legs'. This was grown by Malcolm Ide. Congratulations, Mal!**



***Dendrobium* Mousmee won the Reserve Champion award as well as Champion Dendrobium (Non-Native) and Popular Vote. The orchid also received an ACC Cultural Award. Congratulations to Rhonda Smith**

**Photography by Paige Sinclair**

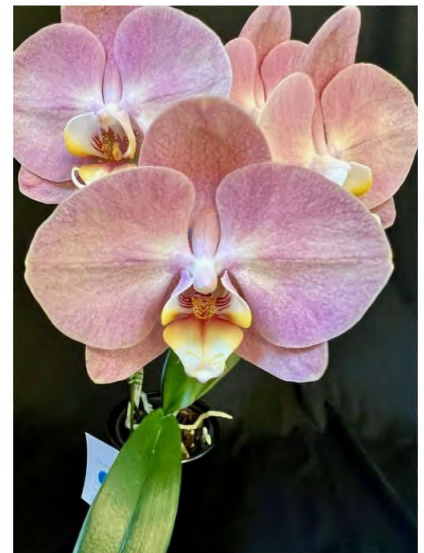
**SECTION WINNERS AT THE CHOS 2024 SPRING SHOW**



**Champion Laeliinae went to  
Bill and Jenny Lennon's  
*Slc. Maris Beat 'Lipstick'*  
HCC/AOC**



**Champion Phalaenopsis  
Hybrid was benched by Chris  
and Annette Hogan.  
*Phalaenopsis King Car  
Honey Peach***



**Malcolm Ide benched the  
Champion Vandaceous  
Hybrid with his  
*Vascostylis Pine Rivers***

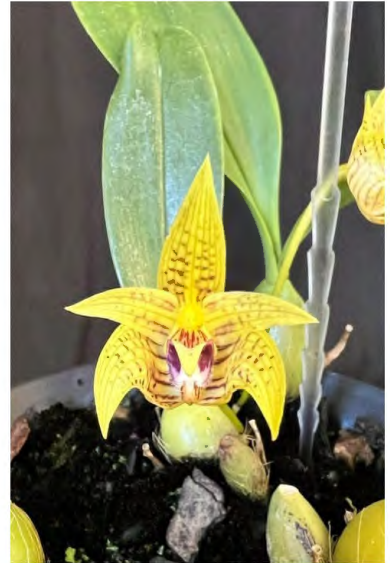
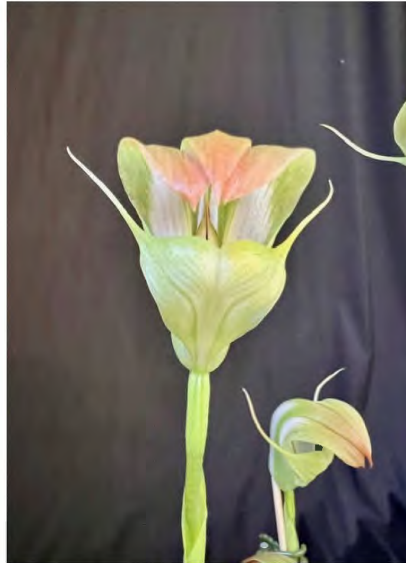




**MORE SECTION WINNERS AT THE CHOS 2024 SPRING SHOW**



Peter Gough benched the Champion Australian Native Species. *Pterostylis baptistii*

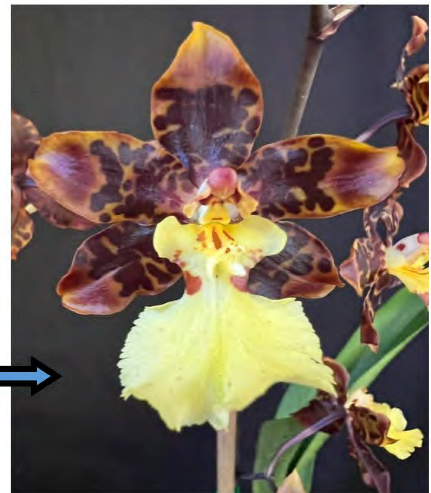


Champion Species went to Rhonda Smith's *Bulbophyllum coveniorum*



Champion Aust. Native Hybrid was *Sarco. Kulnura Wild 'Pani' X Sarco. Kulnura Mission 'Golden Dust'*. This was benched by Helen Seiver

Champion Oncidiinae went to *Oncidium Sunlight 'Pesky Panther'*. Benched by Rhonda Smith.



Paige Sinclair benched the winning AOV Hybrid Champion with *Clowesetrum Alexandra Savva*



CHOS ANNUAL CALENDAR FOR 2025

Attached with this newsletter is the annual events calendar for the major Society events to be held in 2025. Please print off and display in a prominent place so you know what is expected at each General Meeting during the year.

Please appreciate that the calendar is subject to change and other events may be added during the year.

Woolgoolga District Orchid Society Inc.

2024 2-Day  
*Orchid*  
Show & Workshop

Saturday October 5 & Sunday 6

Sat. 9.00am to 3.00pm Sun. 9.00am to 3.00pm

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

- 7 World-renowned Speakers
- Cultural Advice
- Potting Demonstrations
- Participants invited to bring Orchids for our Show
- Sandwiches for Sale
- Coffee Shop onsite
- Admission \$2

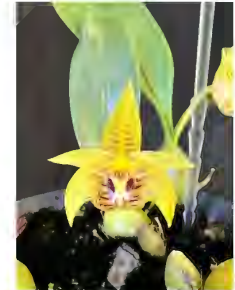
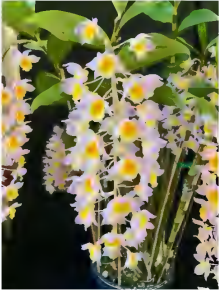


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## BITS AND PIECES

- ◆ Congratulations to Paige Sinclair on being elected onto the Committee of the OSNSW at their recent annual elections. This years President of the OSNSW is Veronica Clowes who replaces Irene Chambers.
- ◆ The Judges at the CHOS recent Spring Show gave out a number of awards to three outstanding plants. Congratulations to these growers.



An ACC Cultural Awards was given to Rhonda Smith for this wonderful *Dendrobium Mousmee*

Bill and Jenny Lennon received a ACC Cultural Award for their magnificent Softcane, *Dendrobium Gladeview Sunset*.

Rhonda Smith received an ACC Cultural Award plus an HCC Quality Award for this outstanding *Bulbophyllum coveniorum*

- ◆ The Coffs Society will be conducting a Bunnings Fund Raising BBQ on Saturday 12th October. If you can assist with the duty roster then please see Paige Sinclair. If you are shopping at Bunnings on that day then please buy a sausage sandwich and support CHOS.
- ◆ Raffle prizes at the CHOS Spring Show: First prize going to Jenny with orange ticket D89 and Maureen picked up the second prize with blue ticket E66. Thanks to Bruce Hall for his continued sponsorship of both the Autumn and Spring Show Raffle prizes.
- ◆ A Monster Plant Auction will take place at the October General Meeting on Thursday 17th October. Donations of plants for the auction would be appreciated as well as a good attendance of members keen to grab an orchid bargain. Other plants and orchid equipment can also be donated. Bruce Hall will be the Auctioneer on the night.
- ◆ Nominations for the 2024-2025 CHOS Committee are now being called. Nomination forms can be obtained from Kerrie Gosling or from the Society website. Nominations close with the Secretary, Kerrie Gosling by 7pm on Thursday. It appears that there may be some Committee vacancies this year so please consider volunteering to be on next years Committee
- ◆ The CHOS Annual Awards Presentation will be conducted this year at a luncheon at the Pacific Palace Chinese Restaurant, corner of Pacific Highway and Elbow Street, on Saturday 7th December 2024 . Tickets are set at \$25 per person and includes a Chinese Banquet plus a drink, See Poster in this newsletter. Excellent value and well worthy of your support and attendance. Register with Kerrie Gosling or at the October or November monthly meetings.
- ◆ OrchidWiz program has produced a final update - see the website for details if you wish to buy or update. ([www.orchidwiz.com](http://www.orchidwiz.com)).



**COFFS HARBOUR  
ORCHID SOCIETY**

**7TH DECEMBER 2024  
12:00 TO 2:30**



**YEAR END PRESENTATION  
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**PACIFIC PALACE CHINESE  
RESTUARANT**

**CORNER OF PACIFIC HIGHWAY AND ELBOW STREET**

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