

HERVEY BAY ORCHID SOCIETY Inc

NEWS AND VIEWS

November 2022

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ORCHIDS

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November Feature Plant 'Species&Odd Bods'
- 'Promenaea xanthina



GENERAL MEETINGS:

Our general meetings are held on the FIRST Monday of the month unless otherwise notified. They are held in the Presbyterian Church on the corner of Denman Camp Road and Freshwater Street, Torquay. Doors open at 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start. Plants to be judged need to be tabled by 6.45pm. **If able, please bring a plate to share for supper, thank you.**

The next General Meeting is on **Monday 5th December 2022.**

The Guest Speaker for December is: 'TBA'

". Speaking on the subject of: 'TBA'

Feature Plant for December 2022 meeting is - 'Cattleya Alliance '

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Our committee meetings are usually held on the FOURTH Monday of the month.

Next committee meeting is Monday 28th

November 2022 at 5.30pm at Presbyterian Church hall.

INTERESTED GROWERS MEETINGS:

These are informal gatherings offering cultural advice and information exchange which are usually held on the FOURTH Saturday of each month from 10am. The next one for the year will be on **Saturday 26th November !0am at the Orchid House** at the Hervey Bay Botanic Gardens.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring problem plants and brag plants.

COMING EVENTS:

19th November: STOCQ meeting hosted by South Burnett OS in Lutheran Church Hall, Thorn Street, Murgon

HBOS 'End of Year Dinner'

When: Saturday 10th December at 6pm

Where: RSL Hervey Bay

What: Buffet Christmas Dinner

Cost: Financial Members \$35 and others \$45

Please pay by 21st November

11th February 2023: STOCQ Judges & AGM & OQI meeting, Indoor Bowls hall, Graham Street, Gympie

Getting to meetings!

If you would like to attend any of our meetings but are unable to get there by yourself, then let one of the Committee know and we will see if we can assist.

HBOS Inc. Executive and committee members elected for 2021

Patron	Ted Sorensen	
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Committee/Assist Treasurer	Miriam Garnham	Lyndal Semmler
Committee	Giles Blaber	Barbara Neumann
Committee	Sandra Twomey	
Committee & Assist Sec	Ross Skyring	

HBOS Show Helpers Bus Trip 2022

Saturday 6.15am, 51 HBOS Members turned up at Hervey Bay Transit Centre for a 6.30am departure (on the dot) for a well-earned Show Helpers bus trip. After a quick toilet stop at Gympie Duckponds we arrived at the Ginger Factory, Yandina for a cuppa, scone, ginger marmalade, and cream in the 'Blue Room'. Back down the highway and with a quick scenic drive to 'Wolvi' we arrived at Robertson's Nursery. Many orchids and African Violets were purchased here. Then with a bit of effort and mental pushing we crested the Range to arrive at Darryl Bank's Montville Nursery. More plants purchased along with freshly picked Avocados. All downhill then and back to the Blue Room for lunch. Many Ginger Gelatos were seen to be enjoyed by the enthusiastic members. Back down to Bli Bli to visit Rosemount Nursery (a wide selection of garden plants, very nicely presented) with more purchases to load on the bus. Heading back to Hervey Bay after a toilet stop at Traviston we had our usual on bus raffle (thank you to the donators of the prizes) and a "How to successfully kill an orchid" quiz, arrived back around 6.15pm. A weary but happy bunch of adventurers.

Well done to Heather for organising this trip It is much more difficult than you think in these times-Ed. and to those show helpers who could not make it 'thank you as well'

'Look out, we are here to buy'

'Robertson's Nursery'



'The Que' @ Robertson's



Darryl Bank's Nursery



NOVICE:

- 1 st** *Enc. Unk.* M. Morgan →
2 nd *Den. Gatton Sunray* K. Stockwell
3rd *Slc. Jungle Gem' Ginger Meg's* D. Moy



INTERMEDIATE:

- ← **1 st** *Phal. Octopus* H. Wehl
2nd *Oncidioda Copper Scarab' Brass Brethren'* H. Wehl
3rd *V. Boonyarit Little Flame* H. Wehl



OPEN:

- 1st** *Coel. Burfordiense* D. McKenna →
2nd *Tolu. Capalaba Sunrise* G. Blaber
3rd *Den. Fire Wings* G. Blaber



MASTERS:

- ← **1 st** *Paph. Lady Isabel x Paph. anitum* K. Lydiate
2nd *Paph. St. Swithin* T. Bade
2nd *Brs. Rex* L. Napper

SPECIES:

- 1 st** *Den. chrysotoxum* L. Napper →
2 nd *Paph. philippinense* K. Lydiate
2 nd *Ddc. filiforme* D. McKenna



AUSTRALIAN NATIVE

- 1st** *Den. discolor var. Bloomfieldii* L. Napper
 →
2nd *Cym. madidum* D. McKenna
3rd *Den. discolor var bloomfieldii* L. Napper



JUDGING RESULTS - JUDGES CHOICE

NOVICE:	<i>Enc. Unk.</i>	70 Points	M. Morgan
INTERMEDIATE:	<i>Oncda. Copper Scarab' Brass Brethren</i>	70 Points	H. Wehl
OPEN:	<i>Coel. Burfordiense</i>	70 Points	D. McKenna
MASTERS:	<i>Brs. Rex</i>	72 Points	L. Napper
SPECIES:	<i>Paph. philippinense</i>	72 Points	K. Lydiate
AUST. NATIVE:	<i>Den. discolor var broomfieldii</i>	70 points	L. Napper
FEATURE PLANT:	<i>Chiloschista lunifera</i>		D McKenna

Brs. Rex



Oncda. Copper Scarab 'Brass Brethren'



Paph. philippinense



Feature Plant 'November'

Species and Odd Bod's

Chiloschista lunifera →



The HBOS Committee have come to a decision that due to relaxing Covid Restrictions - 'members are welcome to bring a plate to share at meetings such as 'Supper at General Meetings' and' Morning tea at IGG Meetings'. Thank you from the Committee.

HERVEY BAY BOTANIC GARDENS AND ORCHID HOUSE



Anyone with flowering plants who would like to loan them to the Botanical Garden's Orchid House please contact the Orchid House on 4125 9715

INTERESTED GROWERS GROUP MEETING

The IGG on Saturday 22nd October was supposed to be at the Botanic Gardens with the attendance of CIDOS (30 members) and Calliope OS (15 members) as well as HBOS Members. Unfortunately, due to adverse weather the event was switched to the St. John's Church Hall on Doolong Rd. The extreme weather also forced CIDOS to cancel their bus trip to this event as some of their attendees lived out of Childers. However, the Hall proved adequate for the numbers attending (34 members, 1 visitor and 11 Calliope members) and was quite cosy as the rain fell outside. Terri led off with his usual excellent hosting followed by Darryl discussing 3 plants from his collection. Giles then discussed the merits of the *Renanthera* Genus including some plants that he brought along. Terri finished off with a practical demonstration of repotting a 'Soft Cane.' The meeting finished earlier than usual due to Calliope OS then visiting the Orchid House (which was graciously opened for their benefit by the staff. 'Thank You' to them) and then off to the Hammond residence to purchase orchids, followed by a visit to Les Napper's nursery to buy yet again more orchids. HBOS members also supplied plants for sale at the meeting and well done to members who supplied an excellent morning tea/ lunch for the visitors and themselves. A great job done under difficult conditions. Thanks to all that assisted.



The IGG on Saturday 26th November 2022 will be held at the 'Orchid House' unless advised otherwise commencing 10am. Tea and coffee are provided but please bring your own seating arrangements, a hat, sun protection and perhaps a plate to share for morning tea. A sausage sizzle will be held at the Rotunda on completion to celebrate another successful year.

This will be the last IGG for 2022

HBOS Shirts are available from 'TUFF STUFF' 2/109 Boat Harbour Dr.



**Just go in, select your size, make payment (\$30 including embroidery, Pocket is extra \$5, and name included at no cost if desired) and shirts should be available 2-3 weeks
Contact Leanne Coombes ph.0418132175 for more information.**

**Please note limited supply of original shirts are still available at limited sizes,
now reduced to \$20 each**



Like us on
Facebook

Did you know we have regular competitions on our Facebook page. This is for two reasons, firstly to keep the page fresh and interesting and secondly to give members an opportunity to brag about their plants that are in flower. If you are not already a member of our Facebook Page, I would encourage you to join us and then you too can post photos of your favourite flower of the month, then you also could vote for your favourite plant, a bit like being an orchid judge but in the comfort of your own home. Voting is really easy; all you have to do is to pick your favourite photo that has been added

to my comment and then like it with the  icon or love with the  icon under the photo. The photo with the most "likes" will be the banner photo for the next month. It's a great way to see other member's flowers. Julie Arthur OAM

Den. loddigesii

November Banner Winner

Proud owner's 'D. & L. Coombes'



Chiloschista Genus

Tribe: Vandaeae

Subtribe: Sarcanthinae

Upon seeing **Chiloschista** in flower for the first time, the observer immediately marvels at how this leafless plant can produce such a multitude of flowers. In many texts, this genus is listed as a leafless epiphyte. In reality, however, some species produce leaves, although the leaves are caducous (shed at an early stage of development). This small genus was first named by John Lindley in 1832. The generic name, derived from the Greek words *cheilos* (lip) and *schistos* (cleft), describes the cleft lip found on the flowers. The genus is closely allied to *Sarcochilus* but separated by periodic leaflessness and differences in the lip.

For a portion of the year, these monopodial epiphytes consist of a massive root system emanating from a small, compact stem and nothing else. When leaves are present, they arise from the stem and grow to 1 to 2 inches (2.5-5 cm) long and around 0.5 inch (1 cm) wide. By flowering time, the leaves are usually gone. The inflorescences are usually pendent and bear a few to many flowers. The small flowers are most attractive and flower colour varies from creamy white to greenish to deep brown-red. Species from this genus include **Chiloschista lunifera** and **C. usneoides**.

This article courtesy of

American Orchid Society

Chsch. lunifera



Chsch. usneoides



Lucky Door Prize and Competition Results

- The lucky door prize winner for November was- **Terri Bade**
- The lucky competition winners were – **F. Fitzsimmons, R. Skyring, P. Gaddes, C. Bade, G. Semmler & P. Rogers.**
- ***Members must wear name badges to meetings to be eligible for the lucky door prize**

If you have an interesting article on orchids to share in our newsletter, please feel free to contact the Editor and we will hopefully include it in a future newsletter.

Hervey Bay Orchid Society Member Profile.

Presenting 'Kathy Steele'

Kathy's first experience with horticulture began as a 16-year-old living in Sydney when she helped in florist shops in different local suburbs. Moving on, Kathy undertook a 3 year 'Certificate of Commercial Floristry' at the 'School of Rural Studies' at Ultimo whilst still working in Florist Shops for experience. This floristry work included using beautiful orchids in wedding bouquets and the like.

In 1981, Kathy relocated to Grafton to live on 112 acres, adjacent to Fortis National Park, where she began growing Waratahs, Kangaroo Paws, Grevilleas amongst others in which she used the cut flowers in Floral Tributes and Bouquets and supplying local Florists. As we know Kathy is a very busy person, so she also was a part time Floral Art Teacher at Grafton TAFE as well as a major contributor to the 'Grafton Jacaranda Festival'

Kathy also brought up 3 wonderful children here and hosted many 'Exchange Students, Girl Guide and Scouts to camp and explore.

In 2017 Kathy relocated to Hervey Bay (our gain- Ed.) and is now enjoying 'The Learning & Fellowship of our Orchid Society' (to Quote Kathy – ED.)

Kathy now has about 20 orchids but admits she still has a lot to learn about orchid culture, but we give her 10 out of 10 for enthusiasm.

Kathy has taken over the position of 'Posies Organiser' at our show for the last 2 years and has given demonstrations and training for this purpose with the result of having a great team working with her, a great product and excellent results. 'Well done Kathy!' keep up the good work.



An Orchid Book Library is available at the Church Hall for all members to use. Please see our librarian **Thuy Dolken** at the General Meetings to sign out borrowings. Check out the many Orchid books and magazines available.

Membership Fees

Membership fees for 2023 and due on 1st January 2023 and they will remain at \$20 per single and \$30 for a family.

Can you please arrange to have this paid ideally before 1st January. Remember that only financial members can nominate for the executive or committee and only financial members can vote at the AGM which is held in early February. **Anyone that has not paid by 31/3/23 will be considered unfinancial.**

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The HBOS Show Committee would like to advise that the next Show Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 24th November at 9.30am.

The venue is the RSL Lakes Room (2nd Floor RSL).

Any member who would like to be an active participant is invited to attend. Your thoughts, ideas and assistance would be greatly appreciated.