

HERVEY BAY ORCHID SOCIETY Inc

NEWS AND VIEWS

April 2022

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ORCHIDS

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April Feature Plant- 'Species Orchids'

Dendrobium linguiforme

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**

The next General Meeting is on **Monday 2nd May 2022.**

The Guest Speaker for May is: TBA.
Speaking on the subject of : T.B.A.

Feature Plant for May 2022 meeting is -

' *Oncidium Alliance Orchids*'

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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

Next committee meeting is Monday 25th April at 6.30pm 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 23rd April **10am at the Orchid House** at the Hervey Bay Botanic Gardens. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring problem plants and brag plants.

COMING EVENTS:

Gympie O.S. Show- Set up 29/4/22 then 30th April- 1st May.

Bundaberg O.S. Show- Set up 12th May, then 13th- 14th May

Watch out for more news on this exciting Event-

'Combined Societies Social Day'

Date- 25th June

Venue- Childers

More info next newsletter

Australian Orchid Conference - Logan, 31st August - 4th September 2022

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 or please contact -

HBOS Inc. Executive and committee members elected for 2021		
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Hervey Bay Orchid Society Member Profile

Presenting Graham and Lyndal Semmler

Congratulations to the new Hervey Bay Orchid Society President 'Graham Semmler.'

Graham and Lyndal are relatively new members of our society, so it is good to see them step up to the mark when the society desperately needed a new president, with Lyndal soon to join the committee as well.

Graham's first foray into the world of orchids began when living at Tununda, in the Barossa Valley, South Aus. As a youngster he was fascinated by the many Terrestrial Orchids he would encounter whilst roaming through the bush. His parents also had a few orchids.

About 2006 he noticed a greenhouse for sale on a neighbouring property. Having purchased this, he needed something to put in it (so you know what happens next) Graham commenced buying orchids, predominately Cymbidiums. Having got the 'Orchid Itch', Graham joined the 'Cymbidium Club South Australia' and the 'Gawler Orchid Society' both of which he is still a current member. Graham commenced entering orchids into local S. A. shows and won a few prizes. He also helped considerably in the running of these shows. Sadly, Graham's first wife passed away during this period, and after marrying Lyndal, the two of them relocated to Maryborough, Queensland in 2018. Graham and Lyndal both joined the Maryborough & District O. S. and then Hervey Bay O. S. soon after.

Graham is amazed by the diversity of Orchid Species and finds each special in their own way. He also has a passion for Australian Native Orchids and likes to purchase different species to give them a go.

Lyndal likes orchids as well but is quite happy for Graham to look after them for her.

Graham's tip for novice growers is to talk to experienced O.S. members and never be afraid to ask questions. He would also like to encourage young people to become involved in Orchid Societies.

At home, Graham and Lyndal have a Shadehouse, 25 x 8 metres, so plenty of room to place more plants as purchased.

Well done Graham and Lyndal



JUDGING RESULTS - POPULAR VOTE

NOVICE:

1 st C. Netrasiri ' Dark Prince M/C
J.Taylor →

2 nd L.c.Little Jose 'Midnight J. Lush

3 rd Bllra.Purple Haze 'Delicate Delight
J. Lush



INTERMEDIATE:

←**1 st Rlc. Hsinying Mariaoki 'Flamingo'**

J. Gaddes

2 nd Ons. Wildcat #13 H. Wehl

3 rd C. Jungle Queen 'Glenlee' H. Wehl



OPEN:

1st V. Rasri Gold x V.Tubtin Velvet
D. McKenna →

2 nd . Bulb.Wilmar Galaxy Star F. Moloney

3 rd Bulb. Giligalieth Ann F. Moloney



MASTERS:

←**1 st V. Adisak Happiness** K. Lydiate

2 nd Paph. Hsinying Spy Wings x
Path. Shiny Heart ' Jeff' K. Lydiate

3 rd V. Unk .K. Lydiate



SPECIES:

1 st Paph. charlesworthii K. Lydiate →

2 nd Phal. bellina ' Ivy' x Phal. bellina Ivy#14
P. Mann

3 rd Phal. delicosa var.hookeriam P. Mann

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE

- 1st** *Den. biggibum* R.Colbran →
2nd *Pholodita imbricata* R. Colbran
3rd *Den biggibum var. superbiens* G. Johnston

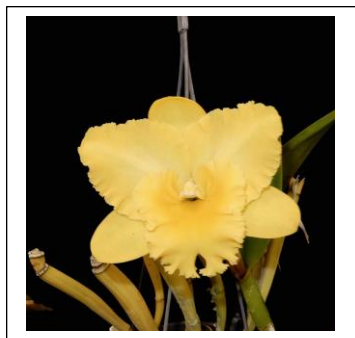


JUDGING RESULTS - JUDGES CHOICE

NOVICE: C. Netrasini Dark Prince m/c	70 Points	J. Taylor
INTERMEDIATE: <i>Ons. Wildcat</i> #13	70 Points	H. Whel
OPEN: V. Rasri Gold x V. Tubtin Velvet	72 Points	D. McKenna
MASTERS: <i>Rlc. Karen's Surprise</i>	72 Points	T&C. Bade
SPECIES: <i>Phal. bellina</i> 'Ivy x <i>Phal bellina</i> 'Ivy' #14	69 Points	P. Mann
AUST. NATIVE: <i>Den. biggibum</i>	68 points	R. Colbran
FEATURE PLANT: <i>Paph. charlesworthii</i>		K. & A. Lydiate



Ons. Wildcat #13



: *Rlc. Karen's Surprise*

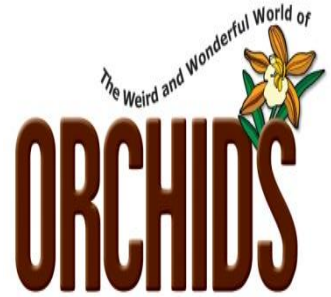


Phal. bellina 'Ivy x *Phal bellina* 'Ivy' #14

Feature Plant
Paph. charlesworthii



HERVEY BAY BOTANIC GARDENS AND ORCHID HOUSE



Activities and events 2021

***Note** All events may be subject to postponement or cancellation at short notice.

Due to Covid no events have been scheduled at this stage.

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

Our March IGG was held at the Orchid House on Saturday 26th March 2022 commencing 10.00am. The weather was a bit overcast and possibly deterred a few members, but for the 46 members and 17 visitors attending there were discussions by Terri and Giles on orchid cultural requirements, flowering orchid description and many questions were tendered by the many visitors and answered by our experienced growers to most people's satisfaction. The IGG concluded with our raffle. Congratulations to the many lucky winners
An enjoyable time had by all



The IGG on Saturday 23rd April 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 your own personal food.

Lucky Door Prize and Competition Results

- The lucky door prize winner for March was- **Helen Fisher**
- The lucky competition winners were: **M.Palmer, D. McKenna, E. Malonay, P. Mann,**
- **H. Lind & P.O'Brien**



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HBOS Facebook Page

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 have the opportunity to 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 that we are currently missing out on due to COVID restrictions. Julie Arthur



April Banner Winner : H. Williams

Vanda Patchong Blue

Annual Membership Fees were due in February.

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.

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

Start planning for this major AOC event.

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IF YOU CAN**



AUSTRALIAN ORCHID CONFERENCE

In 2019, Southeast Queensland Orchid Societies combined to bid for the 2021 event. **This has been postponed to late Aug/Sept 2022.**

The event will now be held at the **Logan Sports and Events Centre** from **31st August 2022 to 4th Sept 2022.**

How To Grow Australian Orchids- A Few Tips

Article courtesy of Angus Stewart

After first deciding which type of orchid to grow, the next step is to decide where to grow. You can either choose to keep them in pots, or to naturalise them in the garden. Research how your chosen species grows and try to copy this as closely as you can. For example- [Dendrobium speciosum](#) and kingianum naturally grow on rock shelves and under trees, giving them some drainage, protection from the hottest sun and food from the falling leaf litter and the odd bird droppings. Find a spot close to a shrub, tree, or structure, and use some commercial orchid mix, leaf litter and pine bark mulch to plant it into. You can use pots or get creative with logs or stonework. The plants will bloom on new growth, so if your plants are just surviving and not thriving and flowering, some extra care with watering and some diluted liquid fertiliser will kick the new growth along for the next flowering season. Epiphytic orchids can be fastened to branch junctures or hollows in trees with some added bark and leaf mould, which will hold nutrients.



Orchids that are both epiphytic and lithophytic such as *Dockrillia linguiformis* can be fastened to cork slabs. They will need watering daily in warm months, but less watering in winter will be beneficial and can stimulate spring flowering.

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

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