

HERVEY BAY ORCHID SOCIETY Inc

NEWS AND VIEWS

August 2022

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ORCHIDS

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August Feature Plant- Australian Native Orchid. *Caleana major*

The 'Flying Duck Orchid'

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 5th September 2022**.

The Guest Speaker for September is: TBA

" . Speaking on the subject of: " . TBA

Feature Plant for September 2022 meeting is -

'Soft Cane Dendrobium'

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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

Next committee meeting is **Monday 22nd August at 5.30pm at Presbyterian Church hall.**

Please note - start time change due to winter conditions

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 27th August **10am at the Orchid House** at the Hervey Bay Botanic Gardens. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring problem plants and brag plants.

COMING EVENTS:

Maroochydore O.S. Show Fri.5-Sat.6/8.

Childers IDOS Show Fri.26-Sat.27/8

Logan O.S. Show Sat.27th - 28th/8

**Australian Orchid Conference - 31st August - 4th September 2022
Logan Metro Indoor Sports Centre
357 Brown's Plains Road, Crestmead**



22nd
Australian Orchid
Council
Conference & Show
31 August - 4 September 2022

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For the Love of Orchids



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Hervey Bay OS Spring Show Fri.23-Sun. 25 September

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	Sandra Twomey		
Committee & Assist Sec	Ross Skyring		

Hervey Bay Orchid Society Member Profile.

Presenting Heather Wehl

Heather began her journey with orchids in the early 1990's when she and husband Allan settled in Toowoomba (The city that encourages 'Light Green Thumbs' to become 'Dark Green Thumbs' – Heather)

from Western Queensland. Heather has always been a keen gardener (too keen, she admits), a passion she inherited from her family. Soon after settling in Toowoomba, Heather noticed an ad in the local paper which notified of a local orchid collection for sale. Heather, the first to visit the nursery, was greeted by the owner, an elderly gent of Italian Origin who asked her 'what are you looking for?'. Heather responded with 'something that will grow here' and walked away with two Cattleyas, which she still has in her collection today. Mind you she has divided and given away many pieces of them over the years. As Heather lived at Highfields, a suburb of Toowoomba and there being a large Cymbidium Nursery nearby her collection of orchids increased considerably over that time.

Heather and Allan relocated to Hervey Bay in 2008. where they undertook a business venture which occupied a large amount of their time. Unfortunately, the gardening went on the 'Back burner' as the long hours and lack of attention contributed to the demise of most of her orchids. Upon selling the business and retiring???? Heather was given a nice flowering *Phalaenopsis* by a work colleague which rekindled her passion (now an obsession- Heather) for orchids.

Initially Heather visited the HBOS Orchids shows in 2017-2018 before joining the Society in 2019. Wasn't long before Heather was approached by Daphne (sounds familiar- Ed) and Heather becomes Vice President and 'Bus Trip Organiser' (positions she has held since and performed admirably in – Ed). Heather has found that she has learnt a lot about orchids since joining the Society and rarely misses a meeting so as to learn more. Heather states that the members of the society are 'a lovely group of people who like to share their knowledge and make you feel welcome.

At home Heather has all her orchids scattered about the garden but is soon to have erected, two shade houses, (stage 2 of her orchid career} to further kindle her passion. Heather has no favourite orchid: she loves them all' and with her gardening background she loves to experiment and is not afraid to try different things.

Heather's tip to novice growers is 'do not be frightened by them and it is all about having flowers that you like'.

Heather has her husband Allen now getting involved and developing an interest in orchids, as she says 'it is a very contagious hobby'.



Well done' Heather'



NOVICE:1st → No entries2nd3rd**INTERMEDIATE:**

←1st *Wilsonara* Pacific Panache 'Dorothy Jean'
H. Wehl

2nd *Ctt.* Tropical Trick 'Machado' H. Wehl

3rd *Slc.* Blood Shot J. Gaddes

OPEN:

1st *Ctt.* Tropical Trick G. Blaber →

2nd *C.* Burdican Storm 'Midnight' D. McKenna

3rd *Blc.* Dream Trader 'Princess' J. Arthur

**MASTERS:**

←1st *Den.* Burana 'Emerald' N. Smith →

2nd *Paph.* Duo de Citron K. Lydiate

3rd *Paph.* Highland Fox T. Bade

**SPECIES:**

1st *Angraecum sesquipedale* D. McKenna →

2nd *Paph. glaucophyllum* T. Bade

3rd *Paph. spicerianum* K. Lydiate

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE

- 1st** *Den. Jonathon's Glory 'Dark Joy'* N. Smith→
- 2nd** *Phal. amabilis* N. Smith
- 3rd** No third entry



JUDGING RESULTS - JUDGES CHOICE

NOVICE: *No Entries*

INTERMEDIATE: *Ctt. Tropical Trick 'Machado'* . 72 Points H. Wehl

OPEN: *Rth. Varat Startrack* 70 Points G. Blaber

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SPECIES: *Paph. glaucophyllum* 71 Points T. Bade

AUST. NATIVE: *Den. Jonathan 'Dark Joy'* 69 points N. Smith

FEATURE PLANT: *Phal. amabilis* N. Smith

Paph. glaucophyllum



Rth. Varat Startrack



Ctt. Tropical Trick 'Machado'

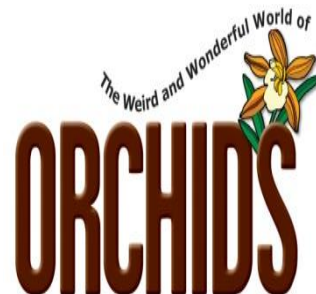


Feature Plant

Phal. amabilis



HERVEY BAY BOTANIC GARDENS AND ORCHID HOUSE



Activities and events 2022

***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

The IGG for July was held at the Orchid House on Saturday 23rd. Due to the inclement weather and 2 days rain prior, the numbers (26) were down on normal attendance however the Society was graced by 2 new members to the event. Introducing Julie-Ann Murphy and Miriam Crisp, welcome to HBOS.

President, Graham Semmler opened proceedings and then handed over to Terri, who once again did a great job of hosting the event, ably assisted by Giles and Darryl who spoke on subjects including *Tolumnia* and *Dendrochilum* orchids (name changes and cultural requirements). Several questions were raised, and answers given in relation to orchid issues by the attendees. The meeting finished with our customary raffle. Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to those who assisted on the day. An enjoyable time had by all.



The IGG on Saturday 27th August 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.



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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. Please remember to take photos in landscape mode as this is a nicer photo to upload on the facebook page.

Julie Arthur OAM

As there were no entries for August Banner winner we are including

A photo of Society stalwart 'Daphne McKenna' receiving an award from Terri Bade for

'STOCQ Best Cultural Award' - Pinalia rhynchostloides 'Sue' ACM2021

Award of Cultural Merit 2021

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Award of Botanical Merit 2019

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Our new member Julie Ann Murphy would like to advise members that she has some windows to give away. These are 3 off x 2.9m long by 2.3m high with a couple of smaller ones included and may be suitable for a member's glasshouse. Please contact Julie on Ph. 0427102233 for more information.

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.

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

Lucky Door Prize and Competition Results

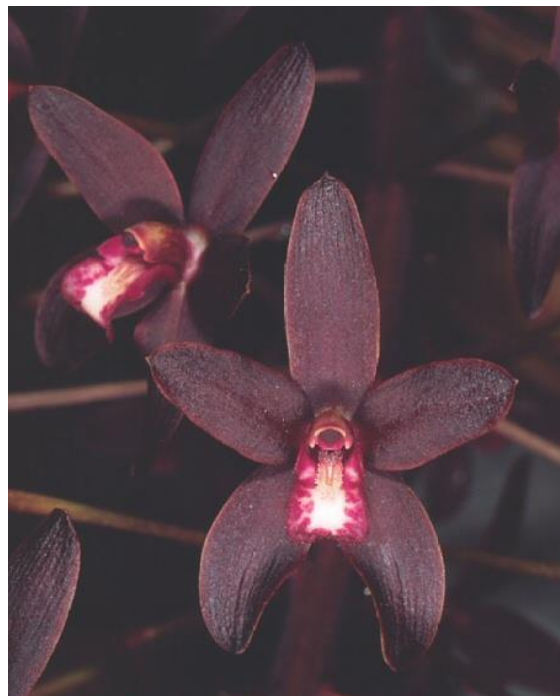
- The lucky door prize winner for June was- **Miriam Garnham**
- The lucky competition winners were – **V. Raynor, J.Arthur, B.Newman, S. Norman,**
- **T. Russell, N. Pittman & K. Lydiate.**
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Australian Native Orchids

The Australian Native Wild Black Orchid (*Cymbidium canaliculatum* var. *Sparkesii*) is an attractive plant that grows from hollows in limbs and trunks of trees with its roots deep in the decaying wood. Although usually found in light shade, it will thrive in full sunlight in the hottest and driest districts. When space in the hollow permits, this species may grow into a huge, densely packed mass of plant weighing hundreds of kilograms making it an amazing feature for any space. The leaves can be up to 500mm long and 40mm wide with up to 6 leaves per bulb. The raceme can extend to over 400mm long and carry up to 60 flowers or more. Flowers are 35mm x 30mm on average and come in a dark maroon colour (black). These beauties are one of the only orchids with fragrant flowers in Australia and flower from August to November.

It is the most widely distributed of our native orchids, from the Kimberley region of north WA across northern Australia down into QLD and its southern limit in the wild is the Hunter River in central NSW. It will grow from the coast at sea level in northern Australia up over the ranges at altitudes to 900metres and into inland western plains in quite arid zones. Therefore, this amazing orchid can withstand many climate types - from your dry patio to your well-watered garden.

Article extract courtesy of 'Outback Orchids Australia'



A notice to all HBOS Members. – Please be aware that with the HBOS Spring Show planning well underway, the Society relies on its members to assist in making our show a wonderful event. To make this happen, we need members to assist in the setting up and running of the event. Please put your name on Daphne's' Show Rosters' if you are able to help. – Thanks from The' Show Committee'

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.**

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