

HERVEY BAY ORCHID SOCIETY Inc

NEWS AND VIEWS

July 2018

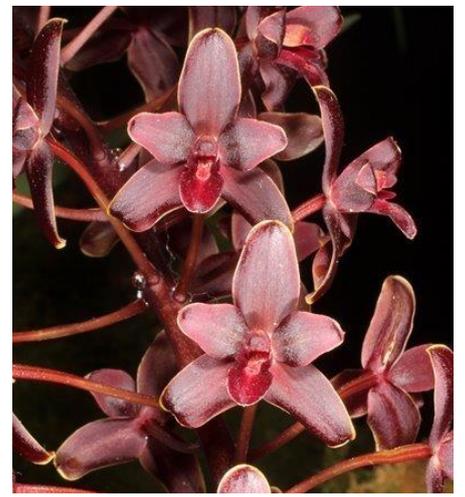
THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ORCHIDS

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Cym. Little Black Sambo

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 6th August, 2018

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Our committee meetings are held on the FOURTH Monday of the month at the Presbyterian Church with a 6.30 pm start.

Next committee meeting is **23rd July, 2018.**

Feature Plant for August 2018 meeting is:

Australian Native orchid

(i.e. orchid plants that are Australian species or are hybrids with only Australian species in their parentage.)

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 2pm. There will be no IGG meeting in July, but in lieu will be 'Christmas in July' on Friday 27th. See below.

COMING EVENTS:

14th July Combined Orchid Societies Annual Workshop - Howard See details on pages 8 and 9 of this newsletter.

27th July - "Christmas in July" at the Boat Club.

The cost is \$25 for HBOS members and \$30 for non-members. Secret Santa is definitely on. Bring a wrapped gift to maximum value of \$7.

Payment can now be made with the club's new EFTPOS terminal at the GM, or by cash, or by Bank transfer - Contact treasurer Tony Russell 11th - 12th August - Agnes Water Orchid and Foliage Club Show. Set up on 10th. Agnes Water Community Hall, Springs Rd., Agnes Water. HBOS will set up a display this year.

Competition Results and Lucky Door Prize

- The lucky door prize winner for July was: Val Trace
- The lucky competition winners were: R. Anderson, M. Alcorn, S. McCulloch, R. Elliott, R. Cockfield
- ***Members must wear name badges to meetings to be eligible for the lucky door prize***

An Orchid book library is available at the Church Hall for all members to use.

Please ensure books borrowed are signed out by our librarian Robyn Elliott.

Check out the many books available

HBOS Inc. Executive and committee members elected for 2018

Patron	Ted Sorrensen	
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Committee	Leanne Coombes	
Committee	Carol Morgan	
Committee	Kay Russell	
Committee	Janine Blaber	
Committee	Graham Sluce	
Committee	Keith Lydiate	
Committee & Editor	Terri Bade	tbade@aapt.net.au

Notes:

1. A classified advert. page is available on our website www.herveybayorchidsociety.com
To place an advert, e-mail a description (and a picture of the item if possible) to Brian Lawrence bla86836@bigpond.net.au. The members' phone number would be included for direct negotiation and the member would provide their HBOS membership number as a means of ensuring they were financial.

A cost of \$10 will apply for 3 months insertion.

2. Anyone with flowering plants who would like to loan them to the Botanical Garden's Orchid House please contact: Vicki Riley Phone 0448 001 759 email vicky.riley@frasercoast.qld.gov.au



HERVEY BAY BOTANIC GARDENS AND ORCHID HOUSE

Activities and events for July 2018



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

Admission is \$3 which includes entry to the 'Orchid House' and Tea/Coffee

Tuesday 10th July 10am Terri Bade will be the guest speaker. Topics will relate to the basics of orchid growing, specific culture of some genera, and hopefully some useful tips to take away.
You are welcome to bring a 'problem plant' for discussion.

HBOS Shirts are available from Tony Russell Ph. 0412989004



Australian Orchid Council Conference & Show 20th -22nd July 2018



Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium, 16 Stewart St South Windsor Sydney NSW

*strikingly beautiful orchid species and hybrids rarely seen by the public. The world's first blue *Phalaenopsis aphrodite* orchid will be on display - never seen in Australia, and never allowed outside Japan before.

*overseas vendors from USA, Japan, Thailand, Columbia, Brazil and Taiwan will bring a new range of flowering plants to sell. This will provide a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to up-grade the genetics of this nation's orchid collection. In addition, Australian vendors will offer orchid hobbyists hundreds of strikingly beautiful species and hybrids for sale.

*comprehensive 2-day lecture program of eminent speakers and international experts who will provide insights into the art of orchid growing and culture

*a glamorous social program including the Opening Ceremony on Thursday 19th July and Conference Dinner on Saturday 21st July

*fierce competition between hobbyists for attractive cash prizes and awards

Registration Secretary: aocc2018@orchidsocietynsw.com.au

Web <http://aocc2018.orchidsocietynsw.com.au/registrations.html>

JUDGING RESULTS - POPULAR VOTE

NOVICE:

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| 1 st <i>Cym.</i> Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' | C. Morgan→ |
| 2 nd <i>Zga.</i> Adelaide Meadows | C. Morgan |
| 3 rd <i>Phal.</i> (Unknown) | R. Cockfield |



INTERMEDIATE:

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| ←1 st <i>C.</i> Netrasiri Darkprince | G&J Blaber |
| 2 nd <i>Rlc.</i> Oconee 'Mendenhall' | J. Bowyer |
| 3 rd <i>Ctt</i> Free Spirit | M. Penfold |



OPEN:

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| 1 st <i>Onc.</i> Twinkle 'Pink Profusion' | K. Lydiate→ |
| 2 nd <i>Den.</i> Elena's Keiki | K. Lydiate |
| Tie 2 nd <i>V.</i> Bitz's Heartthrob | D. Mc Kenna |



MASTERS:

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| ←1 st <i>Z.</i> Debbie De Mello | R. Colbran |
| 2 nd <i>Paph.</i> Mem. Madge Bade | T. Bade |
| Tie 2 nd <i>Paph.</i> Mem. Larry Heuer | T. Bade |

SPECIES:

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| 1 st <i>Cal. vestita</i> | R. Anderson→ |
| 2 nd <i>Ddc. javieri</i> | M&G Muller |
| 3 rd <i>Paph.venustum 'alba'</i> | T. Bade |



AUSTRALIAN NATIVE:

1st *Den. Pauline*

G. Johnston→

2nd *Den. taylori*

M&G Muller

Tie 2nd *Den. Johulatum*

R. Anderson



JUDGING RESULTS - JUDGES CHOICE

NOVICE:	<i>Zga. Adelaide Meadows</i>	71 points	C. Morgan
INTERMEDIATE:	<i>C. Netrasiri Darkprince</i>	69 points	G&J Blaber
OPEN:	<i>V. Bitz's Heartthrob</i>	70 points	D. Mc Kenna
MASTERS:	<i>Paph. Sirita Magray</i>	72 points	T. Bade
SPECIES:	<i>Ddc. javieri</i>	71 points	M&G Muller
AUST. NATIVE:	<i>Den. taylori</i>	69 points	M&G Muller
FEATURE PLANT: (<i>Paphiopedilum</i>)	<i>Paph. Sirita Magray</i>	72 points	T. Bade



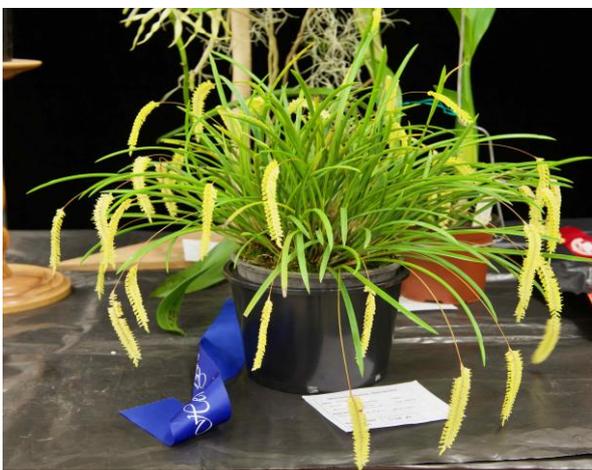
Paph. Sirita Magray



Zga. Adelaide Meadows



V. Bitz's Heartthrob



Ddc. javieri



Den. taylori

Multifloral Paphiopedilums by Chris Trudgian (HBOS)



Paph. rothschildianum 'Ellie' HCC/AOC



Paph. sanderianum

There are few orchids that are more awe inspiring than a well flowered multifloral Paph. The sight of *Paph. rothschildianum* or *Paph. sanderianum* in flower is not soon forgotten. Unfortunately many growers think these plants are as hard to grow as they are beautiful and avoid them. By choosing carefully what plants you purchase and by following a few rules nothing could be further from the truth. Hopefully I can set you on the right path.

Selecting plants. If you have little or no experience growing Paphs I strongly advise against buying small tubestock. Young seedlings have a different root structure to mature plants and until they get mature roots are lot less tolerant of disease and poor culture. You are far better off paying the extra money for advanced plants or divisions as a cheaper seedling that will probably die is a poor deal. When buying divisions look for plants that have at least 2 mature growths as single divisions are as hard and slow to grow as seedlings. Beware of plants that are loose or wobbly as they probably have little root system and will take quite a while to re-establish.

I also suggest that you start with hybrids rather than species as some species can be a bit fussy about their conditions e.g.- *Paph. sanderianum* and *Paph. stonei*, whereas hybrids seem to gain the best of both parents and lose their fussiness.

Mix and pots. The mix that works the best for me is more open than I use for other types of Paphs as they like more frequent watering but still like to dry a little between watering. The mix consists of 3 parts No3 bark, 3 parts No2 bark, 2 parts 5mm charcoal and 1 part super coarse perlite. This will hold more moisture than a Cattleya or Den mix but still drain quicker than a standard Paph mix. When it comes to what style of pot to use I break the usual rule for orchids of using squat pots and go for deeper narrow pots. Paphs have long unbranching roots that can be rather brittle so are best given a good run. The usual rule with Paphs is to repot every 12-18 months and to pot into a pot that only just holds the root system. While this true for most I have found the opposite with multiflorals and have found they grow slower when repotted often and quite resent it. I leave mine for up to 3 years and as they can have quite prolific root systems give them more space than other paphs. Multiflorals also resent being divided into small pieces and will often sulk for years and refuse to flower. I never actually divide mine and just wait till they naturally spilt apart.



Paph. Prince Edward of York
(*Paph.rothschildianum* x *Paph.sanderianum*)



Paph. Johanna Burkhardt
(*Paph. rothschildianum* X *Paph. adductum*)



Paph. Transvaal
Paph.rothschildianum x *Paph.chamberlainianum*

Watering and fertiliser. As stated earlier Multis prefer more frequent watering than other paphs. Think Borneo where it rains more days than not with quick heavy showers. This equates in my conditions to every second day in mid-summer to about every four days mid-winter. Fertilising is done every second watering with the same fertiliser as all my other orchids. It can take a Multi 2 years to mature a growth so consistent attention to water and fertiliser is very important.

Housing. Multis grow quite happily under the same conditions as Cattleyas. They like reasonable light, about 70%, and good air movement. When grown in darker conditions the plants will develop soft leaves and long spindly inflorescences with no strength and duller coloured flowers. If growing under shade cloth it is best to cover in winter with a waterproof cover to prevent cold water sitting in the crowns as this will result in the growth rotting.

Pests and disease. The main menaces with Paphs would have to be mealy bugs and spider mite. Always take care to keep the base of growths clean as this is a favourite spot for mealy bugs to hide. As the growths are quite close together old leaves will build up and must be removed completely, take care not to leave stubs behind as this perfect for them. With their large fleshy leaves growing over each other Paphs also offer a great home for spider mite. Keep humidity high as they prefer drier conditions and watch out for dimpling on the upper surface as this may indicate their presence beneath. Spray as you would for any other orchid. Good news though! Never seen a Den beetle on a Paph yet! Two main things affect Paphs disease wise and they are root rot and crown rot. Their roots are quite intolerant of poor mix and too wet conditions and quickly die and rot. Unlike Cattleyas you probably won't know until it is too late as they show no signs until the whole root system is dead and the plant falls over. Crown rot on the other hand shows up very quickly by the new leaves in the centre going black with the rest of the growth slowly following if not treated. The main key to disease prevention is care with watering. Always water early in the morning. If you water later in the morning in summer you risk water being in the crown at midday and cooking the growth and if you water in the afternoon you risk water in the crown in cold night conditions. I spray alternate once a month with Mancozeb and Banrot as a preventive and this seems to work well.

So there you go. Grab a few "cheapies", have a go and with some trial and error you'll soon be wowing your friends with your very own multifloral Paphs. If you have any problems always remember that at every meeting there will be someone who knows the answer. So ask!

INTERESTED GROWERS MEETING

The June Interested Growers meeting was replaced with a Field trip to observe native orchids in situ. Below is Darryl Coombes' report.

A sunny Saturday on June 23rd had 20 society members turn up at the Visitors Centre on Urraween Rd with 3 Chinese international students, guests of Kay and Tony Russell. We also were lucky enough to be guided by Alan Logan who is very experienced and knowledgeable in relation to local native orchids.

The weather being perfect for the escapade was a delight as 7 cars headed off to Tandoora near Dundathu. About 100 metres off the road we found our first terrestrial orchid *Corybas barbrae* (cream helmet orchid) growing in scrubby, rocky terrain. Initially difficult to find, once we knew what to look for, we found colonies of these tiny orchids. As we were about to depart the owner of Tandoora drove up and enthralled us with tales of the local Flora and fauna

Our next stop was at Poona National Park, where after driving down a dirt track we once again headed bush. Our find here were many *Pterostylus nutans*, *Caladenia picta*, *Acianthus fornicatus* and *Geodorum densiflorum* (not flowering).

Off down the road to Maroom foreshore where we had lunch.

Refreshed and enthusiastic we drove a short distance to Tuan forest where we once again headed bush to find the elusive *Corybas coryanthes* (red helmet orchid), a few hardy searchers were rewarded with a sighting.

We then drove to a bush area near Teddington Wier where we went bush again in search of epiphytic orchids. Not having much luck some of the party headed for Teddington Weir to set up for afternoon tea whilst the rest of us brave explorers headed to another bit of bush nearby and the author of this epic tale was lucky enough to find a specimen of *Dendrobium bowmanii* growing on a *Melaleuca* sp. Upon closer examination of this locality we found many more *Den. bowmanii* and *Den. tetragonum*, some in flower and some with seed pods. Once again when you know what to look for, it becomes so much easier.

The afternoon was finished off with afternoon tea at Teddington Weir. A good time was had by all. Apparently the 3 Chinese students slept all the way home in Kay and Tony's car.

Thanks to Alan Logan for sharing his knowledge with us. Thanks also to Norm for planning this expedition and finally thanks to Kay and others who helped to cater for lunch and afternoon tea.

Our next IGG will be on **25th August**. It was decided that the **July IGG should be postponed** until August as the "Christmas in July" dinner is the evening before it was scheduled.



Corybas barbrae



Pterostylus nutans



Acianthus fornicatus



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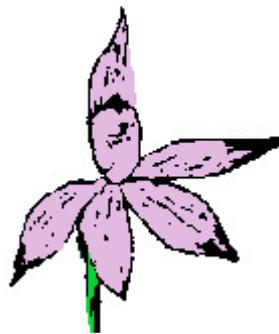
HBOS Inc. now has a presence on Facebook. If you are into Facebook then go to the search bar and type in 'Hervey Bay Orchid Society' to bring up the page, and join the discussions. Julie Arthur is the Administrator for this site, with the assistance of Carol Jenkins.



The IGG Field trippers in situ

This is a really good day and you should attend if you can. There is plenty of good information, you can purchase some good plants, and the morning tea is great.

Combined Orchid Societies Annual Social Workshop



Saturday 14th July

Burrum District Community Centre

56 Steley Street

Howard

See details next page

Program

- 8.00am Hall opened and arrival of vendors
- 9.30am **Morning Tea** (everyone to bring a plate of food to share)
Container Gardens to be entered by 9.45am
Voting – Container Garden competition. (Voting to be completed by 1.00pm)
- 10.00am Guest Speaker
Rick Emmerson – Vandas- Common Breeding Lines.
- 11.00am Guest Speaker
Geoff Glover - Catesetum Alliance.
- 12.00pm **Lunch** (each person to provide own lunch)
- 1.00pm Guest Speaker
John Green – Growing a Specimen.
- 2.00pm Guest Speaker
**Barry Mellefont- Proposed changes to Show Label
Barcode System**
- 2.15pm General Discussion.
- 2.30pm Drawing of Raffle
Announce winner of Container Garden Competition
Afternoon Tea

Commercial Vendors

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Rules for Container gardens

The container may be a pot, saucer, basket, part of a hollow tree or other device to house and support the display

Overall dimensions shall fit within a 75cm circle or 75cm x 60cm rectangle in plan and the height shall not exceed 150cm.

Orchid shall predominate in the display but floral art /Ikebana may be used. Embellishments using cut flowers, ferns and /or foliage plants will be permitted, along with other props which may be used to highlight a theme.

Judging will be based on the overall aesthetic appearance and the quality of the plants included and by popular vote.

Container gardens may be constructed elsewhere and transported to Howard.

No Entry fee

Prize Money - 1st \$25.00

2nd \$15.00

3rd \$10.00

A Raffle will be conducted to help defray expenses.

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