

HERVEY BAY ORCHID SOCIETY Inc

NEWS AND VIEWS

June 2022

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ORCHIDS

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June Feature Plant- 'Cattleya Alliance'

Cattleya violacea

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 4th July 2022.**

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

Feature Plant for July 2022 meeting is -

'Pathiopidium' Orchids

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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

Next committee meeting is Monday 27th June 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 July **10am at the Orchid House** at the Hervey Bay Botanic Gardens. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring problem plants and brag plants.

COMING EVENTS:

'Combined Societies Social Day'

Date- 25th June

Venue- Childers

Please come and support this interesting event. Replaces June IGG.

.STOCQ AGM/OQI meeting Saturday 16/7
ISIS Cultural Centre Childers.

.Caboulture O. S.Show Fri 22- Sat 23/7

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

ChildersIDOS Show Fri26-Sat.27/8

.Australian Orchid Conference -

31st August - 4th September 2022

Logan Metro Indoor Sports Centre

357 Brown's Plains Road, Crestmead

Possible bus trip ?

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			
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Committee	Giles Blaber	Barbara Neumann	
Committee	Sandra Twomey		
Committee & Assist Sec	Ross Skyring		

Hervey Bay Orchid Society Member Profile.

Presenting Giles and Janine Blaber.

Giles began his journey with orchids in 2007 whilst living in Sydney, when his daughter 'Sinead' was attending University. One of Sinead's friends 'Chris' being an orchid enthusiast gave Giles (a keen gardener) a piece of *Sobralia* Mirabilis. In 2009 Chris gave Giles a piece of *Stanhopea oculata*, both plants thrived under Giles's care and Giles then caught the orchid bug. In fact, the *Sobralia* did so well that when Giles divided the original plant into four and sold 3 pieces, one of the purchasers later had his piece awarded an AM/NSW.

In 2012 Janine and Giles joined North Shore O.S. and became keen members, participating in many O.S shows including St. Ives Orchid Show (a popular combined Orchid Societies Show). At this stage Giles had approximately 100 orchids which he kept on the deck of his residence. Giles remembers his granddaughter one day collecting all the orchid labels to give to Grandpa. This prompted Giles to purchase a small shade house.

In 2016 Giles and Janine relocated to Queensland, Giles remembers many road trips in the trusty 'Tarago' relocating the shade house and orchids initially to Ipswich, where about a third were lost due to Ipswich winter conditions. In August of that year they relocated to Hervey Bay, where they immediately joined HBOS in time for the annual show which they ably assisted in running. (Since then, both have held integral roles in the successful running of this event-Ed.) At the end of 2016 Giles was approached by Tony Russell to consider the position of President. Fortunately, Giles accepted and was president for a three-year stretch followed by a year's break and then one more year in that role. (A role that Giles filled admirably-Ed) Janine also joined the committee and currently is the Society Caterer and Publicity Officer as well as being a great organiser and committee member still. Janine, a passionate *Bromeliad* grower, is also treasurer of the Brom. Society and acting vice president of the local gardening club. (a busy couple-Ed).

Giles currently houses his orchid collection in a 'Sundowner' 4.5 x 12 m shade house at Dundowran, where his plants are flourishing. His favourite genus is *Sobralia*, of which he has imported a few flasks from Ecuador. Other favourites are *Gongora*, *Catasetum* Alliance and more recent *Pathiopodilum*.

Giles fertilizes his orchids by mixing Aquasol, Epsom Salts, Calcium Nitrate, Pool Algaeside and a wetting agent into a 1000l tank and then spraying onto his plants. Giles waters every 2-3 days in summer and considerably less in winter. Pest control is supplied as needed.

Giles's tip for novice growers is do not overwater.

Extremely well-done Giles and Janine, keep up the good work.

Sobralia Mirabilis before division



Sob. Mirabilis in bloom



JUDGING RESULTS - POPULAR VOTE

NOVICE:

1 st *Onc.* Twinkle 'Fragrant Fantasy' D. Walker

→

2 nd *Fdk.* After Dark 'Black Cherry Red' D. Walker

2nd *Onc.* Twinkle Tsika Margeurite D. Walker



INTERMEDIATE:

← **1 st** *Rsc.* Craklin Rosie J. Gaddes

← **1st** *V.* Boonyarit Red 'Bright Red'
D. Coombes

2nd *Wilsonara* Space Mine 'Red Rendevous'
H. Wehl

OPEN:

1st *V.* Amchai Beauty x *V.* Lenavat D. McKenna →

1st *Blc* Burdekin Delight 'Pat' R. Skyring →

2nd *Blc* Dream Trader 'Glamour Girl' HCC /AOC
R. Skyring

V Amchai Beauty ...

Sorry no image



MASTERS:

← **1 st** *Paph.* Gay Caroletta T. Bade

← **1st** *Ctsm.* After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl'
N. Smith

2nd *Den.* Tan Kheng Lian N. Smith

SPECIES:

1 st *Cynoches warscewiczii* C. Morgan →

2 nd *Angcm.* *Eburneum* R. Colbran

2 nd *V.* *falcata* D. McKenna

2 nd *Paph* *wardi*.
T. Bade



AUSTRALIAN NATIVE

1st *Den. superbians* D. Murley →
2nd Bulb *schilleranium* D. Murley
3rd No third entry

Image not of shown plant



JUDGING RESULTS - JUDGES CHOICE

NOVICE:	<i>Howeara</i> Chai Tzy 'Lovely' X Ct. Goldmine	70 Points	D. Walker
INTERMEDIATE:	<i>Onc.</i> Speckled Spire	71 Points	H. Wehl
OPEN:	<i>Blc.</i> Burdekin Delight 'Pat'	70 Points	R. Skyring
MASTERS:	<i>Rlc.</i> Mem Gordon Vallance	72 Points	L. Napper
SPECIES:	<i>Paph. wardii</i>	69 Points	T. Bade
AUST. NATIVE:	<i>Den. biggibum</i>	68 points	D. Murley
FEATURE PLANT:	<i>Rth.</i> Napps Scorcher		L. Napper

Howeara Chai Tzy 'Lovely'



Onc. Speckled Spire



Path. wardii



Feature Plant

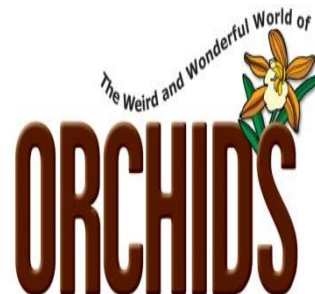
Rth. Napps Scorcher



Rlc Mem.Gordon Vallance



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 meeting held at the Orchid House on Saturday 28th May was well attended. Everyone was happy to enjoy the sunshine after so much wet weather.

There was a good discussion about the rain, and its effect on various pests and diseases that orchids are prone to. In particular, it was noted that ants were taking over orchid pots to get out of the damp earth below.

A variety of plants were discussed and passed around by Terri and Giles. Giles also let everyone know that 12 species, including *Philodota* and *Dendrochilum* were being moved into *Coelogyne* – a victory for the “lumpers” in the orchid taxonomy world.

A number of species names are common to both *Coelogyne* and *Dendrochilum*, so they will need to be renamed. Also, Latin is a gender-based language where nouns are either masculine or feminine. *Dendrochilum* is masculine so has masculine species names, whereas *Coelogyne* is feminine. So *Dendrochilum cobbianum* will become *Coelogyne cobbiana*. Not everyone will be pleased about this!

The IGG concluded with our raffle. Congratulations to the many winners.

A enjoyable time had by all.



The IGG on Saturday 25th June 2022 will not be held at the 'Orchid House'. This will be replaced by the 'Combined Orchid Societies Social Day'. More information in this newsletter



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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.

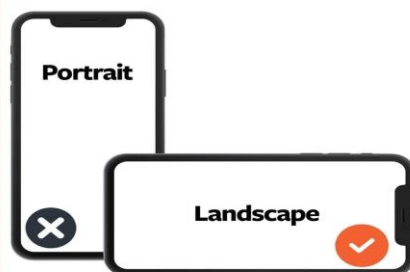
It's a great way to see other member's flowers that we are currently missing out on due to COVID restrictions. Please remember to take photos in landscape mode as this is a nicer photo to upload on the facebook page.
Julie Arthur OAM

June Banner winner- Karen Crosby

Paph. Unk



Please take photo as below



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.

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- **Val Trace**
- The lucky competition winners were **F. Fitzsimmons, P. Mann, D. Shawcross,**
- **H. Wehl, D. Walker and M. Alcorn**

Cattleya Alliance

Cattleya Alliance is one of the most varied groups in the orchid family.

Genera include *Cattleya*, *Brassavola*, *Laelia*, *Sophrinitus*, *Epidendrum* and *Encyclia* just to name a few. In addition there are many Intergeneric Hybrids such as *Potinara*, *Hawksinara*, *Iwanagara* and *Brassavolaeliacattleya* that are produced by combinations of the above.

A wide variety of colours, shapes and sizes ensure that there is a plant in this alliance that everyone can admire and appreciate.

The majority of this group are epiphytic (growing in trees), therefore a well draining medium is best suited. The size of the media pieces will depend on the size of the plant you are growing and the pot size, therefore miniatures or seedlings should grow in smaller pots with finer medium, whilst larger plants will require larger sized medium and pots. Whenever you repot *Cattleya*, never allow for more than two years of growing space in pot size.

Temperatures in Queensland are ideal for growing *Cattleya Alliance*, however those bred from *Sophrinitus* are less likely to appreciate the warmer temperatures in summer. Large standard *Cattleyas* require a nighttime drop in temperature to promote flowering. These orchids must adhere to the 'Wet-Dry' cycle when watering, that is- it is best to drench the potting mix and not rewater until the centre of the potting mix is relatively dry. The more overgrown or potbound your plant is, the more water it will need. If you constantly keep the media wet, the roots will rot and the plant will succumb.

Direct sunlight for long periods can cause burn on the leaves, however, as long as the foliage is not damaged then the brighter the light the better.

Always water before fertilizing and remember it is better to 'underfertilize' than 'overfertilize'.

Please refer to HBOS 2022 calendar 'June' for excellent *Cattleya Alliance* cultural notes. – Ed.

Sophrinitus cernua



Rlc. Anna Seiki 'Volcano Queen'



Hawkinsara Koolau Sunset' Hawaii'



Brassavola nodosa

Not many sleeps now!

Combined Orchid Societies Social Day – 25th June 2022

Final Update

As a club, HBOS is organizing this day so please support it if you can. Arrive between 9.30 and 10am on Saturday 25th June at the Childers Cultural Centre in the main street of Childers. Assistance with setting up the hall would be greatly appreciated.

Morning tea will be provided from 10 – 10.30am. If you can contribute a plate that would be great!

After morning tea there will be talks on how to grow most of the commonly grown orchid genera in our area, by growers specializing in each of those genera. The focus of the talks will be on culture and some of the speakers will have orchid plants for sale.

We will then break for lunch around 12 noon. Tea and coffee will be available at the venue. BYO lunch or there are food outlets close by in Childers. Café Deldora will also have hot food and real coffee available from their food van located outside the venue during the lunch break.

After lunch there will be a couple of talks and then a Q&A panel session where ‘experts’ will try to answer any questions that participants may have. Questions can be written down and handed in during the breaks or delivered from the floor.

Remember the ‘mini show’! Hopefully it will be well supported. If everyone could bring just one plant, that would make for an impressive display. Plants are to be tabled by 10.30am and participants are encouraged to bring unusual orchids, as well as the usual ones. They will not be judged in ‘sections’ as is done in most shows, but more according to set criteria on the day. Just bring the best you have and let others appreciate them. Remember, 5 plant maximum per individual or family.

NB: We will also have a rolling raffle and HBOS members are asked to donate an orchid plant (or several if you are able to) as raffle prizes. If you have been growing orchids for a while, you probably will have some surplus divisions or back cuts that wouldn’t be missed. Newer members might not be able to do this, and that is ok.

Most of all this is a social day, so make the most of meeting fellow orchid enthusiasts and having a good chat about the hobby we love.

The day will wrap up between 3.00 and 3.30pm.

Encourage your friends and new members to get behind it and make this an enjoyable and valuable day. You might even learn something!

If you have any questions, contact Terri Bade on 0487353740

Please note that if members are unable to attend this event but would like to assist in providing a plate for morning tea and or plants for the raffle, then please contact Kay Russell on ph. 0412989004 who is happy to pick up donations for morning tea and Terri Bade who is happy to pick up donated plants.

Cancer Council Morning Tea

One of our hard working members has recently held a Cancer Council 'Biggest Morning Tea'

Kathy Steele held the event at her house and raised the princely sum of \$ 640 for this worthy cause.

This event was well attended by members of the HBOS.

Well done Kathy and to those members attending.



Please note- Those members who have not paid their 2022 member subscription and are therefore 'unfinancial', will not receive the HBOS Newsletter after 30th June 2022, until becoming financial.

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