

HERVEY BAY ORCHID SOCIETY Inc

NEWS AND VIEWS

MARCH 2022

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ORCHIDS

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March Feature Plant –

Hard Cane Dendrobium

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 April 2022.**

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

Feature Plant for April 2022 meeting is –

' Species Orchids'

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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

Next committee meeting is Monday 28th March 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 26th March **10am at the Orchid House** at the Hervey Bay Botanic Gardens. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring problem plants and brag plants.

COMING EVENTS:

CIDOS Charity Orchid Show- set up 31/3/22 then 1st-2nd April

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

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 -

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Committee	Sandra Twomey		
Committee & Assist Sec	Ross Skyring		

HBOS Presidents Report 2021

Despite the difficulties caused by COVID, we had another very successful year in 2021 as a Society. Credit must go to everyone who helped throughout the year at General Meetings, IGGs, bus trips and our Show. I would particularly like to thank the Committee for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Our General Meetings resumed in 2021 after a pause in 2020. Although we had some difficulties finding external speakers, we had some really interesting talks from our own members during the year. There was good evidence that you all spent a lot of time cultivating and caring for your orchids during the break! The plants displayed during our General Meetings throughout the year, and at our Show, were exceptional. I was particularly impressed by the standard displayed by our newer members in the Novice section - it bodes well for the future. Also as a result of COVID, we established ourselves at the Orchid House for IGG meetings. My impression is that this has been a popular move. In prior years, IGGs were located at a member's property for the most part with one or two Orchid House meetings per year. When we are past all the issues, we can again talk about the possibility of visiting members.

Another change in 2021 was the move by every Society in our area to benched displays at their Shows. Whilst there was some rationale around Social Distancing, I think the key reason has been the increasing reluctance to make the effort to put up displays. Erecting the stands and the lighting, and then attaching all the plants takes a lot of people, time and strength, and older members of all Societies have made clear that they are over it. My reckoning is that we will continue to see benched plants at all Shows into the future, with the host Society providing a display as a wow factor. One possible disadvantage of this is that growers have less motivation to take plants to another Society's Show, as there is no visibility of contribution and effort. It will be interesting to see what happens in the future.

In any event, our Show was a terrific success. Other Societies in our area had the same experience - an increase in the number of visitors. Whilst we did a good job of publicising the Show, I reckon that there was a real enthusiasm by the public to get out and about and see some beautiful orchids and other plants at a minimal outlay. We had a record number of visitors and made a record profit from the Show. Everyone involved seemed to go away happy, especially our vendors who sold much more than they had expected. Keith Lydiate was the worthy winner of the Grand Champion prize for his Paph. Michael Koopowitz.

We had two terrific bus trips during the year, one to Bundaberg and the other to Calliope. In both cases, our hosts did a wonderful job of looking after us, and we returned the compliment by buying heaps of their plants!

Daphne McKenna had two orchids awarded during the year. In April, her *Dendrochilum pangasinanense* 'Jemima' was awarded both an HCC (Highly Commended Certificate) and an ACC (Award of Cultural Commendation). In December, her *Pinalia rhynchostyloides* 'Sue' received an ACM (Award of Cultural Merit). It takes a lot of care and skill to bring a plant to Award level, and Daphne has achieved this on a number of occasions.

During the year, two of our members, Julie Arthur and Darryl Coombes, were

elevated to full Judge status by the Australian Orchid Council. This is a considerable achievement which was celebrated by the presentation of their certificates.

We ended the year with our Christmas Party at the RSL. This was the first time we had been there. As the RSL always contribute substantial sponsorship for our Show, there is an expectation that we reciprocate by holding our Christmas Party there. Everyone I spoke to thought the food was delicious and that the venue was excellent. We are booked in for 2022 and 2023.

Looking to the future, it has been very pleasing to see how many new members have joined over the last couple of years. It is essential to any Society that new members join and bring new energy and ideas to the Society. During 2021, 26 new members joined, which is greater than the previous two years together (13 and 12 in 2019 and 2020 respectively). I hope all our new members are enjoying the Society. The Committee always welcomes ideas from our members about improving our Society. I look forward to another enjoyable year of orchid-growing in 2022.

Thank you.

Giles Blaber

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.

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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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Annual Membership Fees were due in February.

Lucky Door Prize and Competition Results

- The lucky door prize winner for March was- **Kathleen Steele**
- The lucky competition winners were: **Phil Stockwell x 2, Darcy Walker, Graham Semmler, Les Napper and David Murley**

***Members must wear name badges to meetings to be eligible for the lucky door prize**

The editors of HBOS Newsletter would like to apologise for the diminished content of this newsletter due to a technical issue. However this will soon be resolved hopefully. - Darryl and Leanne

JUDGING RESULTS - POPULAR VOTE

NOVICE:

- 1 st** *Pinalia bicristata* P. Roberts
→
- 2 nd** *Miltonia moreliana* M. Garnham
- 3 rd** *Vanda* Unk. M. Garnham



INTERMEDIATE:

- ← **1 st** *Onc* Unk J. Bowyer
- 2 nd** *C. Rosellas Orange Bud* H. Wehl
- 3 rd** *Den. Boonling M/C* G. Semmler

OPEN:

- 1st** *Spathoglottis* Mellow Yellow D. McKenna →
- 2 nd** . *Phal. Ox Surf Song* J.&G. Blaber



MASTERS:

- ← **1 st** *Vanda Somsri Gold* K. Lydiate
- 2 nd** *V. Kandu Glow 'Anicia'* K. Lydiate
- 3 rd** *Den. Brighton Pansy* L. Napper

SPECIES:

- 1 st** *Ceratostylis ruba* F. & E. Moloney →
- 2 nd** *Milt. moreliana* 'Sonya' D. McKenna
- 3 rd** *Paph henryanum* K. Lydiate



AUSTRALIAN NATIVE

1st *Den.* Rum City Diamante x D. Rum City
Snowflake D. Walker →

2nd *Den triamellatum* D. Murley

3rd *Den* Boonling M/C G. Semmler



JUDGING RESULTS - JUDGES CHOICE

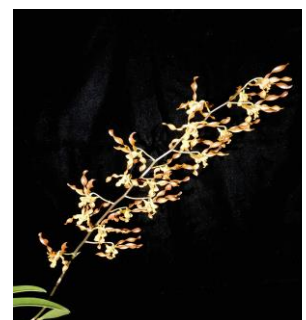
NOVICE:	<i>Milt. Moreliana</i>	73 points	M. Garnham
INTERMEDIATE:	<i>Oncidium Unk.</i>	70 points	J. Bowyer
OPEN:	<i>Spathoglottus</i> Mellow Yellow	70 Points	D. McKenna
MASTERS:	<i>Paph.</i> Doris Behrendorff	75 Points	T&C. Bade
SPECIES:	<i>Ceratostylis ruba</i>	72points	F. & E. Moloney
AUST. NATIVE:	<i>Den. trimamellatum</i>	69 points	D. Murley
FEATURE PLANT:	<i>Den.</i> Brighton Pansy		L. Napper



Milt. moreliana



Paph. Doris Behrendorff



Den. triamellatum

Feature Plant

Den. Brighton Pansy



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

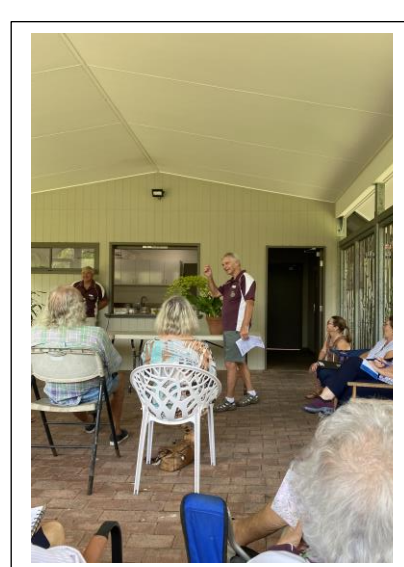
INTERESTED GROWERS GROUP MEETING

Our first IGG of the year was held at the Orchid House on Saturday 26th. February 2022 commencing 10.00am. The weather was a bit overcast and possibly deterred a few members, but for the approximately 35 members and visitors attending there were discussions by Terri, Ron, Darryl, Daphne and Giles on orchid cultural requirements, flowering orchid description and a practical demonstration on repotting a *Pathiopedium*.

(Thanks Terri)

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

An enjoyable time had by all



The IGG on Saturday 26th March 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. Julie Arthur

Newly Awarded Members Plants

Paph. Mem Doris Behrendorff 'Doris' was awarded a HCC (Highly Commended Certificate), this plant has not previously been awarded in Australia. This plant is a cross of *Paph.* Black Stallion x *Paph.* Sally Berndt that Terri made and named the plant in memory of his dear Mother-In-Law. Congratulations Terri Bade.



Trgl. atropurpurea 'Jo' was awarded an ACC (Award of Cultural Commendation) this week. Originally from the Philippines, the plant has 11 growths/9 flowering growths with 65 flowers and has never been awarded in Australia before. Congratulations Daphne McKenna



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- *View speaker profiles
- *Organise accommodation
- *Register for the conference
- * And much more

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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.**

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