

HERVEY BAY ORCHID SOCIETY Inc

NEWS AND VIEWS

May 2022

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ORCHIDS

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May Feature Plant- Oncidium Alliance

Oncostele (Wilsonara) Eye Candy 'Pinky'

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 6th June 2022.**

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

Feature Plant for June 2022 meeting is -

'Cattleya Alliance'

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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

Next committee meeting is Monday 23rd May 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 28th May **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 Orchid Societies Social Day'

Date - 25th June, Venue - Childers

Vendors, guest speakers and more

(Hosts HBOS) more info in newsletter. Please note that this event will replace the June HBOS IGG

HBOS IGG

.STOCQ AGM/OQI 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

.Childers IDOS Show Fri 26-Sat 27/8

.Australian Orchid Conference & Show

31st August - 4th September

Logan Metro Indoor Sports Centre

357 Brown's Plains Road Crestmead.

(Overnight Bus Trip to visit may be planned if numbers to fill bus are achieved)

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	Sandra Twomey		
Committee & Assist Sec	Ross Skyring		

Hervey Bay Orchid Society President's Report

Hello to all orchid enthusiasts out there.

May is a big month for orchid shows in our area. The Gympie Orchid Show took place at the beginning of the month in a new venue. HBOS members entered a few plants with the standout being Daphne McKenna's '*Dendrochilum pangasinanense*' which won the 'Best Specimen' prize. Terri Bade had a first and a couple of minor placings but the show prize winners were dominated by Sunshine Coast Orchid Growers who had a lot of entries.

The Bundaberg Orchid Show is due to start Friday 6th May with setup on Thursday 5th May and is always a major event. It's a favourite for visitors as it always falls on Mother's Day Weekend. I encourage you all to enter some plants as 'If we support their show then they will obviously reciprocate and support our show. Shortly after that is the Fraser Coast Agricultural Show which is managed by Maryborough District Orchid Society, but which we contribute to as much as possible in terms of plants on display. (more information on this will be forthcoming from our Secretary 'Julie')

Planning is well advanced for the 'Combined Societies Social Day' on Saturday 25th June (which will replace the IGG normally held on that day)

We are also beginning to plan for our show in September. It's always surprising how fast these events come towards us! The Society will rely on every member to contribute towards the success of our show in whatever way they can manage.

Best wishes to all our fellow orchid growers and may you be happy and healthy.

Regards Graham Semmler

President, Hervey Bay Orchid Society

Annual Membership Fees were due in February.

Please note 'unfinancial members will not receive HBOS Newsletter after 30 June 2022'

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

JUDGING RESULTS - POPULAR VOTE

NOVICE:

1st *Blc* Unk. L.Handley →

2nd *Den.* King Sonia Dragon 'Eye'

D. Walker

2nd *C.* Precious Stones' True Beauty'

M Lush

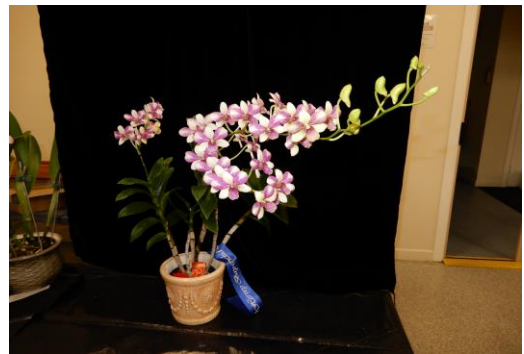


INTERMEDIATE:

← **1st** *Zyg* Cynosure 'Bluebirds' H. Whel

2nd *Den.* Salaya 'Pink' D. Coombes

3rd *Wil.* Pacific Panache' Dolly Jean'
H.Whel.



OPEN:

1st *Den* Triple Fantasy' Wendy A.D. J. Arthur
→

2nd *V.* Pinchy Beauty x *V.* Burrong Delight D.
McKenna

3rd *Blc.* Hawaiian Passion' Kermie' R. Skyring



MASTERS:

← **1st** *V.* Takeesuksa x *V. sanderiana*
K. Lydiate

1st *Paph.* Alma Gevaert x *Paph.* Hilo
Green K. Lydiate

2nd *Ctsm.* Painted Desertx *Ctsm.*
Louise Clark .K. Lydiate



SPECIES:

1st *Ddc.pangasinanense*' Jemima'
D.McKenna →

2nd *C. percivilliana* var. *coerulea*
R.Skyring

3rd *Paph. goderrovae* K. Lydiate

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE

1st *Den. monophyllum* D. Murley

1st *Den bigibbum* var. *bigibbum* D. Murley →

3rd *Den bowmanii* V. Raynor



JUDGING RESULTS - JUDGES CHOICE

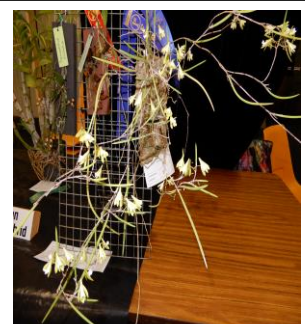
NOVICE:	<i>Blc. Unk</i>	70 Points	L. Handley
INTERMEDIATE:	<i>Zyg. Cynosure</i> 'Blue Birds'	71 Points	H. Wehl
OPEN:	<i>Paph. Hysinying Carlos</i> x <i>Paph. charlesworthii</i>	71 Points	G. Blaber
MASTERS:	<i>Paph. Mem Doris Berendorf</i>	73Points	T&C. Bade
SPECIES:	<i>C. perciviliana</i> var. <i>coerulea</i>	72 Points	R. Skyring
AUST. NATIVE:	<i>Den. bowmanii</i>	70points	V. Raynor
FEATURE PLANT:	<i>Onc. Speckled Spire</i> 'Shorty'		D. Shawcross



Paph. Hysinying Carlos x
Paph. charlesworthii



Paph. Mem Doris
Berendorf



Den. bowmanii

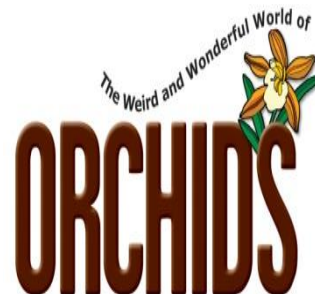
C. perciviliana var.
coerulea

Feature Plant

Onc. Speckled Spire
'Shorty'



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 April IGG was held at the Orchid House on Saturday 23rd April 2022 commencing 10.00am. The weather was kind to us and some threatening showers held off for the duration of the event. The 46 members and 6 visitors attending were entertained by Terri, Darryl and Les with discussions on orchid cultural requirements, flowering orchid description and problem/showy plants that were brought in by members. Questions were tendered by members and visitors and answered by 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 28th May 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 May was **David Murley**
- The lucky competition winners were: **J. Lush, D. Walker, K. Lydiate x 2, M. Lush, D. Coombes, D. Shawcross, E. Moloney, G. Fox, H. Wehl & K. Holst**

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



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May Banner Winner : Giles Blaber

R/c. Rungnapha Fancy 'Warm Welcome'

Combined Orchid Societies Social Day – 25th June 2022

Update 01/05/2022

Not long now! Planning is well underway and most speakers have been sourced. The focus of the talks will be on culture of the major orchid groups grown in our local area and presented by excellent growers of each Genera.

There will be a Q&A panel session where these '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.

Each of the speakers has been invited to have a sales table with a selection of orchid plants for sale. They will be encouraged to focus on quality orchids, and something a little different.

Hopefully the 'mini show' 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 it. 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.

Arrive between 9.30 and 10am at the Childers Cultural Centre. Morning tea will be provided from 10 – 10.30am. If you can contribute a plate that would be great! I certainly look forward to sampling the wonderful baking skills of our members. BYO lunch or buy on the day at local food shops.

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

Hervey Bay Orchid Society Member Profile

Presenting 'Terri Bade'

Terri began his long interest in orchids as a youngster, when, whilst growing up on the outskirts of Nambour he remembers going with his brothers to rescue native orchids which had been dislodged from fallen trees after storms therefore, there were always orchids in trees around his home.

Terri's eldest brother joined Nambour Orchid and grew some hybrids in a shade house in their backyard and Terri would often venture in to look at the strange blooms.

Terri moved to Townsville in 1979, to work and study at James Cook Uni. and then began his own fascination with orchids. He rescued a few scraggly Cattleya plants from Big W that were falling out of their pots and successfully got them healthy again. Most of them flowered and that is when he started to get interested in growing different types of orchids. Terri found that Vandas were the easiest to grow in that climate so off he went, often frequenting a couple of nurseries where he would spend his 'Allowance', mainly on small seedlings (especially if there were two plants in the same pot).

Terri joined the Townsville Orchid Society around 1982 and was encouraged by the leader of the 'New Grower Group', he also enjoyed visiting the shade houses of experienced growers.

By this stage his 'Allowance' for buying orchids didn't stretch as far as he was hoping, so after encouragement from a couple of experienced growers who were setting up their own flasking facilities, Terri decided to do the same, as a cheaper alternative to expanding his collection.

Whilst in Townsville, Terri undertook the orchid judging classes and qualified as an AOC Judge not long before relocating to Hervey Bay in 1986 where he taught at the Senior College. Before leaving Townsville Terri bare-rooted his collection of orchids, packed them into about 30 polystyrene Broccoli cases and sent them by freight train to Maryborough where they spent 6 months under shade cloth draped over an old mango tree stump at his parents in-law place south of Maryborough.

After a couple of moves to Hervey Bay residences, Terri and Carolyn have finally settled at Dundowran Beach where their orchids are happily becoming settled in newly constructed shade houses. Terri joined the HBOS in 1986 and has been a very highly valued member ever since, including hosting

most IGG's, giving advice to new members and undertaking countless plant commentaries during our General meetings. Terri was also at the forefront when creating our displays at our many shows and is a major contributor in many other areas.

Terri was granted life membership of the HBOS about 12 years ago. (A title well earned. Ed)

Terri has been involved in his own extensive orchid breeding program and has had many orchids registered and awarded.

Terri's tip to novice growers is to tap into all available knowledge and don't be afraid to experiment.

Well done Terri and Carolyn.



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

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.

Oncidium Alliance

Genus

Hailing from tropical America, the genus *Oncidium* belongs to the family Orchidaceae. The 650-odd species in the genus are epiphytic, lithophytic, and terrestrial multi-stemmed orchids. In general, these attractive orchids bear yellow and brown flowers on long branching inflorescences and are most eye-catching when in bloom, with the often large lip being the dominant feature. While this is a highly variable genus, the species all have a distinct pseudobulb, from which they bloom only once. Ranging in size from tiny to enormous plants, there is an *oncidium* for most situations in favourable conditions they thrive when mounted on cork slabs that allow their roots the freedom to develop, but smaller species are equally at home when potted to provide indoor colour.

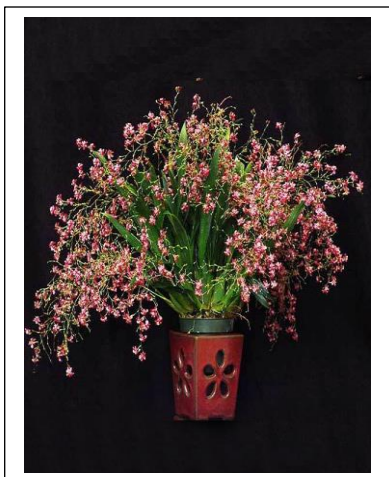
Appearance

Oncidiums have clustered pseudobulbs that range from hard-to-find to large and conspicuous, each with up to 4 blunt-tipped strap-like leaves at the apex. The inflorescences generally appear from the leaf axil of recently matured growth and bloom only once from the pseudobulb. Most species have small yellow and brown flowers, some a little reminiscent of pansies, massed on wiry branching stems. Sometimes the sepals and petals are very much reduced, making the lip which usually has large lobes and may be multi-coloured the main feature.

Cultivation

This very complex genus is allied with other genera, such as *Miltonia* and *Brassia*, and intergeneric forms are common. *Oncidium* species and hybrids require bright conditions and winter lows of not less than 10°C. Most species can be grown mounted, and smaller species can be grown in pots. Plant in a bright but shaded position with coarse, very free-draining growing medium and allow to dry before watering. Propagation is by division.

This article courtesy of Gardening Australia



Onc. Twinkle 'Pink Profusion'



Psychopsis sanderae



Onc. Alusuka 'Claire'

Sender: Hervey Bay Orchid Society, PO Box 26, Pialba QLD 4655

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