

HERVEY BAY ORCHID SOCIETY Inc

NEWS AND VIEWS

September 2021

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ORCHIDS

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'Soft cane Dendrobium'.
Our September Feature Plant

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 October 2021**.

The Guest Speaker for October is: T.B.A. speaking on the subject of :T.B.A.

Feature Plant for October 2021 meeting is - Phalaenopsis

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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

Next committee meeting is **27th September 2021** at 6.30pm at Presbyterian Church hall.

Annual Membership Fees were due in February.

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 October hopefully at the Orchid House** at the Hervey Bay Botanic Gardens.

Please note 'no September IGG due to occurrence of our spring show'

Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring problem plants and brag plants.

COMING EVENTS:

Maryborough & District O.S. Orchid Show September 16th-18th, set up 15th.

Noosa DOFS Show 16th-17 September set up 15th.

Rockhampton OS Show 18th-19th September set up Friday.

Hervey Bay Orchid Society 'Spring Orchid and Garden Spectacular 2021' September Friday 24th- Sunday 26th. Set up Thursday 23rd.

Venue- Xavier Catholic College 'Don't miss this spectacular event'.

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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HBOS President's Report - Sept 2021

Hello all!

We are well into the Spring Show season. Congratulations to all who won prizes at Childers. The Maryborough Show is coming up, with set up on Wednesday, September 15th from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Please get your label requests to Carol Morgan by lunchtime on Monday 13th

(carol.morgan1@bigpond.com or 0428 790 050). Please take lots of good plants to Maryborough – we will be expecting their members to bring lots of plants to our Show.

Here is some important info about our Show at Xavier Catholic College in Eli Waters:

Please bring your plants for benching and display on Thursday 23rd between 8:30am and 9:30am. Bring your plants for sale then too. Foliage and floral art can be brought at the same time. Please also bring robust cardboard boxes of various sizes when you bring your plants. These will be used by customers at our Sales table.

Also, please bring some cut orchid flowers for the posies. You will probably have things like Phallies which have imperfect spikes – they are great for posies even though you wouldn't necessarily want to put them into a display.

Come for dinner on Thursday 23rd at around 5:30pm – it's a great menu, and there's a great raffle.

The menu will be (all gluten-free): Curried Sausages, Country Chicken Casserole with rice and salad / Sticky Date Pudding, Berry Crumble with ice cream

There will be a raffle on Thursday evening. The prizes will be:

- First prize - Whale watching voucher for two people (kindly donated by Whalesong Cruises)
- Second prize - 50L bag of No3 Kiwi Orchid Bark (kindly donated by Orchidaceous Supplies)
- Third prize - Basket of fruit and veg (kindly organised by Kathy Steele)
- Fourth prize - \$50 Bunnings card

The presentation of prizes and main raffle drawer will take place at 2pm on Sunday 26th. Please take your display / unsold plants etc away after that. We will need helpers on Sunday to help clear up. Please see Daphne McKenna about putting your name down for activities throughout the Show.

JUDGING RESULTS - POPULAR VOTE

NOVICE:

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| 1 st <i>Cym.</i> Sarah Jean Lilac. | J & M. Lush → |
| 2 nd <i>C.</i> Ernestii | J. & P Gaddes |
| 3 rd <i>Den.</i> Mild Yumi | H. Williams |



INTERMEDIATE:

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| ← 1 st <i>Cym.</i> unk | T. Dolkens |
| 2 nd <i>V.</i> Pakchong Blue. | J & J Arthur |
| 3 rd <i>Gplm.</i> Arlene Armour 'Conching'. | J. Bower |



OPEN:

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| 1 st <i>Paph.</i> Fanaticum | K. & A. Lydiate → |
| 2 nd <i>Paph.</i> Michael Koopowitz | K. & A Lydiate |
| 3 rd <i>V.</i> Sanderiana 'alba' x <i>Ascda</i> Tubtim | J. & G. Blaber |



MASTERS:

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| ← 1 st <i>Dtps.</i> Minh Ho Princess | N. & L. Smith |
| 2 nd <i>Paph.</i> Fanaticum | K. & A. Lydiate |
| 3 rd <i>Den.</i> Miyuki | N. & L. Smith |



SPECIES:

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| 1 st <i>Gga.grossa</i> | R. Colbran → |
| 2 nd <i>Chysis</i> bractescens | D. & L. Coombes |
| 3 rd <i>C.</i> amethystoglossa. | R. Skyring |

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE:

1st · *Den* 'Graham Hewitt' G. & L. Semmler →

2nd *Den*. Lynette Banks'Solid Gold' G. & L. Semmler

3rd *Den*. Wayne Turville N. Smith



JUDGING RESULTS - JUDGES CHOICE

NOVICE:	C. Ernesti	72 points	P. & J. Gaddes
INTERMEDIATE:	C. Lynn Spencer 'Cha'	70 points	J.& J. Arthur
OPEN:	<i>Paph</i> . Fanaticum	73 points	K. & A. Lydiate
MASTERS:	<i>Den</i> . Tan Kheng Lian	71 points	N. & L. Smith
SPECIES:	<i>Paph</i> . <i>phillippinense</i>	70 points	T. & C. Bade
AUST. NATIVE:	<i>Den</i> . Graham Hewitt	70 points	G. & L. Semmler
FEATURE PLANT:	<i>Den</i> . Mild Yumi		H. Williams
Soft Cane Dendrobium			



← *Den*. Tan Kheng Lian



Feature Plant *Den*. Mild Yumi



Paph. *phillippinense*



C. Lynn Spencer 'Cha'



C. Ernesti

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



Den. Gladeview Sunset 'John'



Culture of Soft Cane Dendrobiums

Soft cane dendrobiums originated from Asia. They are part of the very large Dendrobium genus and are a little different to most peoples' idea of orchids. Every year they produce new "canes", between 40-100 cm long, with alternating pale green leaves. The flowers are generally produced on the previous year's leafless canes, although the latest breeding has produced plants that flower on the current cane. Why these orchids are so popular then becomes immediately obvious. Their colour ranges from pure white to yellow, pale pink to purple, all depending on their parentage. Often the lip is a deep purple with shading to paler petals. The effect is very attractive. Clever crossing of orchids has increased the colour range and Sydney has an ideal climate for them. Soft cane dendrobiums will grow happily in most back yards. They need to be potted in a mixture of treated pine bark or orchid mix. The mix needs to be rapidly draining or the roots will not grow and they like to dry out between waterings. This does not harm the plants at all and in fact they seem to thrive on neglect. For feeding they need half-strength fertiliser every one to two weeks; any fertiliser will do. In winter, watering and feeding should be decreased or ceased depending on their situation. Older hybrids tend to produce plantlets instead of flowers if over watered in winter. As with most orchids they should be watered frequently when in active growth or in flower and much less when dormant. Light is important to induce flowering but preferably filtered light in summer, so the foliage does not burn. Under trees or open bushes is ideal and the plants grow very well in hanging pots where there is good air movement. They can also be grown in a shade house under 50% shade cloth. Once the plants are in bud, move them to a sheltered area such as a veranda to keep rain off the buds. Water sitting on the buds can induce fungus with spotting or even bud drop. Good results have been achieved by hanging the plants on eastern facing fences and the clothes lines. They also grow very well on host trees (trees that don't shed their bark). Softcane Dendrobiums make ideal landscaping plants in the Sydney area particularly in the frost free areas. Large plants can have hundreds of flowers every year and survive for many years with a minimum of care. These orchids are readily available from orchid nurseries or through societies. Several Australian nurseries are amongst the world leaders in their culture.

Article courtesy of Orchid Society of New South Wales

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



September banner Winner- *Zygopetulum* Debbie de Mellow 'Honolulu Bay'
Proud owners 'Darryl and Leanne Coombes'

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.

Start planning for this major AOC event.

Visit **aocc2021.org** to:

- *See event details
- *View speaker profiles
- *Organise accommodation
- *Register for the conference
- *and much more

PLEASE AIM TO SUPPORT THIS IF YOU CAN



AUSTRALIAN ORCHID CONFERENCE

In 2019, South East 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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Hervey Bay Orchid Society Member Profile

Presenting Marlene Alcorn

Marlene and Wally joined the HBOS in February 2000 after relocating from Mackay in 1976. Wally was the Station Master at Piabla for many years and Marlene worked at Telstra in Maryborough. Marlene was given a white *Cattleya* when they left Mackay which was somewhat 'neglected' so after they both retired they decided to join the HBOS to find out how to care for this poor plant. They attended every IGG and general meeting they could and as you do 'Became addicted to Orchids'.

Wally had a Mitsubishi 4x4 and off they would go towing the 'Horse Float' (The Official HBOS Orchid Van) to Gympie, Maryborough and Bundaberg to assist in setting up show displays for quite a few years.

At home in Barrie St. their collection expanded and was eventually housed in 3 shade houses. Marlene and Wally were a great team with Marlene responsible for repotting and labelling whilst Wally handled fertilizing and pest control.

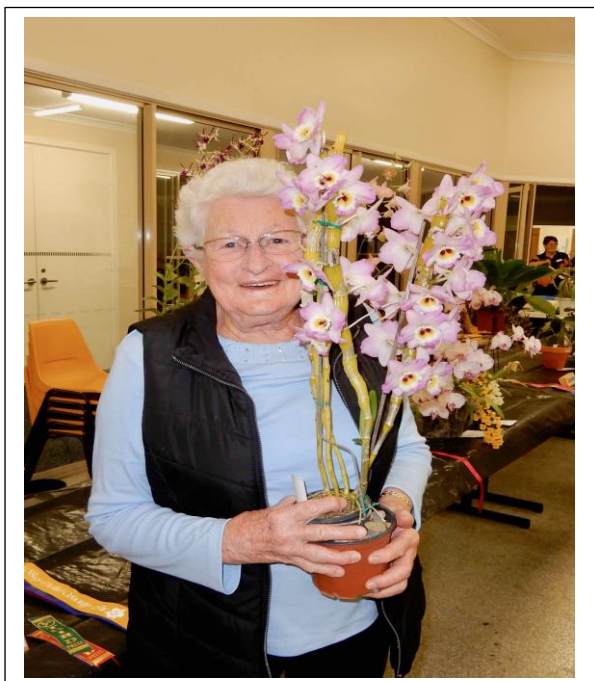
Sadly, Wally passed away in 2009 but Marlene persevered with the collection for another 5 years till selling up the green houses and most of the orchids to move into 'Baycrest' where she still has a few favourites in a limited space.

Marlene later married Bill Alcorn who although not an orchid fanatic, joined the HBOS on the proviso that Marlene joined his passion 'The local Car Club'. Sadly Bill passed a few years ago. Marlene has always been a major contributor to the HBOS, holding committee positions and fondly remembers record keeping and doing winners certificates at our show over many years. Marlene always fronts up whenever a hand is required which is greatly appreciated by all.

Marlenes tip for growing orchids " **Is to attend the HBOS, IGG's' to learn what is needed, don't be afraid to ask questions, someone will help you**".

Finally to quote Marlene " I enjoy the company and the wonderful members of the HBOS and love the orchid shows"

WELL DONE Marlene. We like you too.



INTERESTED GROWERS GROUP MEETING

Our August meeting at the Orchid House was attended by approximately 50 people on a nice sunny day. Our usual presenters Terri, Darryl and Giles spoke on orchid related issues and described a few interesting plants belonging to themselves and the Orchid House. A nice cuppa and a raffle brought the occasion to an earlier close as several of our members had to dash to Childers to pick up plants (and winnings) from the CIDOS show. A good day had by all.

The IGG on Saturday 23rd October 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 morning tea.



CIDOS 2021 Orchid Show



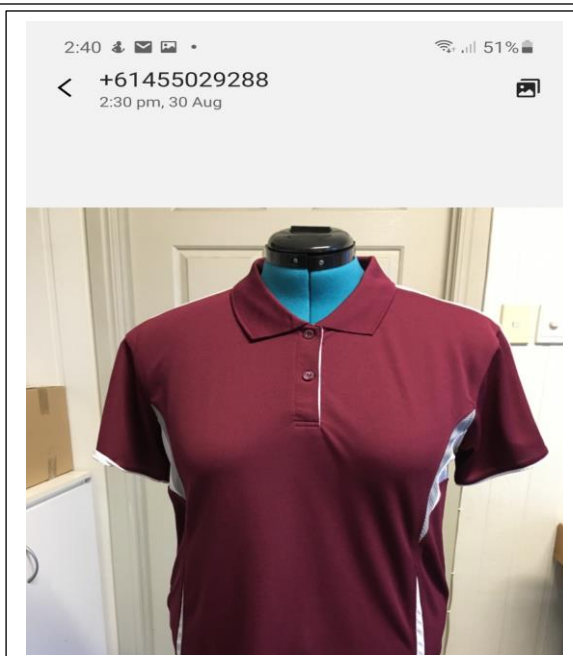
Congratulations to Daphne McKenna for winning 'Best Species and Best Specimen' with *Dendrochilum glumaceum* at the recent CIDOS SHOW.

Well done to all other winners and to those who entered their plants.

**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 .
Please remember to wear your HBOS shirts at our show so as to promote our Society in the best possible way , thank you.**



Lucky Door Prize and Competition Results

- The lucky door prize winner for August was **Heather Wehl**
- The lucky competition winners were: **Daphne McKenna, Val Trace, Dulcie Chapman, Ross Skyring, Marcia Morgan and Keith Lydiate**

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

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