



## **Cultural Interest Plant of the Month January 2017**

**Plant Name:** *Chiloschista parishii*

**Exhibitor:** Julie Copley-Bishop

**Owners Comments:**

### **Housing:**

The Chiloschista is a miniature sized hot to warm grow-ing orchid. It is hung midway in a small bush house with 70% shade cloth on top and 50% on the sides. The house receives only a few hours of direct sun in the afternoon. No cooling or heating system is used.

### **Feeding:**

The plant is sprayed fortnightly with full strength *Orchid Boost* Regular Feed Blend 10N, 10P, and 10K. As it is basically leafless being a mass of roots I err on the side of caution with this mixture of worm, seaweed and fish.

### **Watering:**

Due to its exposed root system this orchid is watered with town water and misted by hand held hose twice per day in summer, once in winter.

### **Potting Medium:**

This orchid is mounted on wood as it seems to prefer a flat surface to cling to.

### **Any Other Cultural Notes:**

The flower stem emerges from the centre of the root mass with the dainty yellow flowers long lasting (fewer flowers this time than last).