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Editor's Notes

The by the time you read this Newsletter the annual Autumn Show will have been and gone; the last one before most likely the biggest event ever for our society, the Sub Tropical Orchid Council Rocky Round Up Orchidfest 2019. Check out Bob Lakey's countdown clock on our website and like me I am sure you will get a shock as to just how close the conference is. This Newsletter is early and will not contain the Autumn Show results for a couple reasons, primarily the editor does not want to be compiling a Newsletter while spending the Easter break with his family. However, more than that April is an event filled month for us and the community in general with as previously mentioned containing Easter, and our Autumn Show, School Holidays, Anzac Day, our Monthly Meeting the Bunnings BBQ fundraiser and the Growers Meeting both of which are on the same weekend. As a result, the committee decided to publish the Newsletter after the Show and have the Show Results included in the next month's edition.

For some reason to me April always seems to be a month that flies by; maybe it is the start of the long-awaited cooler change that does it? Especially with the year just past, one of the hottest on record. Or simply for us gardeners as the month we can finally get back to spending some quality time out doors with our plants and without the risk of heat stroke. Not to mention that the fishing starts to get better as well! On my calendar its always welcome and for the former reason I have included some pics of what's happening this month in our garden; and on that note please send me some pics of your plants that you think are rather special for whatever reason for inclusion in the Newsletter. Likewise, I am still waiting for any special events you would like to share with your fellow club members. 37



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Growers' Tip

Regularity is the secret to good health or so it was thought many decades ago. 'Agarol' every month and worse cod-liver oil, was lovingly administered by our parents; I can still remember hiding under the bed. Thankfully, that mindset has long passed; however, it still remains pertinent to good orchid culture. What do I mean? Regular fertilizing, checking and inspecting your plants for pests and disease and taking appropriate action when required is the key to success. You need to have a plan, for example, some growers fertilize every Sunday morning. Likewise, spraying to control pests with preventive chemicals can be done monthly until they are under control. Yet, time is the four-letter word here, and many of us are time poor, and then it becomes a matter of priorities. However, it still amazes me that some growers with decades of collecting never seem to produce a 'well grown and flowered orchid' when some new growers within a couple of years make huge strides and in no time are producing great orchids.

When you delve deeper, often those long-term growers are happy just to produce a flower

occasionally and or their enthusiasm has waned over the decades which is fine if that's what you want from the hobby. But when the same growers are asked how often do you fertilize

the answer invariably is, “when I get around to it” or “I did it last year” or words to that effect. And that’s the difference, you just can’t expect to get good results if that’s your regime. It’s like feeding the cat if you do it when you get around to it, you’re going to get a sick and probably angry cat ☺. Whereas, the new-grower who has asked the questions, taken heed of the answers and put the advice into actions, all of a sudden start to win prizes and grow better orchids. How did they do it? By making time and ‘**Regularity**’ and that’s the secret of the so called ‘them’, who seem to win everything but will tell you nothing!

Better Growing, Jeff Glover

**Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.
General Meeting Tuesday 26th March 2019**

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: 63 Avril Anderson

Visitors: Nil

Lucky Number:

Minutes of previous monthly meeting were approved as correct and accurate.

Moved A White Seconded M Maunder

Carried

Correspondence:

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Blackwater & District Orchid & Foliage Club

Caboolture Orchid Society Inc.

Childers & Isis District Orchid Society Inc.

Mid-Murray Orchid Club Inc.

Nambour Orchid Society Inc.

Nightcliff Orchid Society

The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Inc.

Townsville Orchid Soc. Inc.

Agnes Water Orchid & Foliage Club Inc. – letter and cheque for \$200 – sponsorship of September conference

Letter from Linda Schultz and Min Matthews from Agnes Water Club thanking us for letting them be guests on us

coach at the Triennial weekend.

Bunnings – confirmation of date for next sausage sizzle – 27th April 2019

Queensland Government advising our acquittal documents submitted for our grant application have been accepted and that the application is now complete.

Orchid Mania – latest flask list from Tropical Exotique in Thailand. Orders need to be in to them by Friday 12 April.

OUT Nil

Motion that the inward correspondence be accepted, and the outward correspondence endorsed:

Moved T Craig Seconded M Richardson **Carried**

Treasurer’s Report:

Read and moved for acceptance by S Rowcliffe Seconded C Christensen

Carried

Growers Group Coordinators Report: Marg Handley delivered her report.

General Business:

There has been no further notice regarding the hall where we hold our meetings

Patron: The Society has not had a patron for a long while. As Cr. Neil Fisher is a prominent local nurseryman who has been very supportive of the society it was decided he would make an ideal patron.

Motion: The society ask Neil Fisher to become our patron.

Moved J Glover Seconded J Rawlings

Carried

Sausage sizzle: The date for the next sausage sizzle at Bunnings is 27/4/19.

Show: As Jeff Glover will be away Faye English will be registrar. Moyna Richardson will be chief steward.

There will be a working bee to setup at the high school on Sunday 7/4/19 at 1.00pm.

Motion: The society subsidise the cost of the show dinner to members to keep the cost to \$15 per head.

Moved M Kydd Seconded P Rankin

Carried

Plant Commentary: John Frisch.

Exhibitor's Raffle: C Christensen

General Raffle: S Kuhl, B Jenkins, T Roberts x 2, P Jenkinson, D Schneider, M Handley, J Bloxsom, K Carr,
S Rowcliffe, J Roberts.

Committee meeting at Trish Craig's residence on Tuesday 2nd April at 7.00pm

J Bloxsom
President

Trish Craig
Secretary

Bunnings BBQ Saturday 27th April

As previously mentioned thanks to President Jeff Bloxsom we have secured another timeslot for a BBQ at Bunnings. This like the last one will assist with the society's finances while holding the Orchidfest and for other purposes that might arise in the future. Jeff has a list of volunteers from the March Monthly Meeting and requests that **the morning shift meet at Bunnings on the morning of Saturday 27th April at 7 am**. Likewise, he asks that any member who would like to donate a flowering orchid or a small embellishment plant (fern/tillandsia) towards the raffle-basket that we have at the BBQ can they please bring them to the April Meeting.

Orchid Collection and Greenhouses for Sale

Two of our well-loved older members Richard and Lynne Mann are selling their collection and Greenhouses due to health reasons. They are selling-up and moving to live with their Daughter and Son in Law, Julie and Richard Crossland (also members); so, if you would like to purchase any of their collection or greenhouses, for further details please call **Richard on 0468388418 for some bargains, no orchid over \$20.**

R.O.S.I Growers Group Report

On Saturday March 23rd, our Group enjoyed the hospitality of Rod and Diane Mackenzie at their Frenchville residence for our first gathering in 2019. Six shades were erected to provide shade for our members in the MacKenzie's spacious yard and 48 members attended. Dianne and Rod have a new orchid house which contained some quality orchids. *Miltonia Earl Dunn*, *Leomesezia Lava Burst* and *Phalaenopsis pulcherrima* were three stunning flowering examples.

Thank you to Dianne and Rod for providing such a great venue. The topic for the afternoon was the Origin and Growing Conditions of 4 species that were flowering at the time. The species were - *Phalaenopsis pulcherrima*, *Phalaenopsis bellina*, *Miltonia moreliana* and *Ceratostylis retisquama*.

Graham and Maxine Maunder have invited the Growers Group to their residence for the April gathering. Because the Bunnings R.O.S.I Sausage Sizzle is programmed for Saturday April 27, the Growers Group event will be held on **SUNDAY APRIL 28.**

Hosts: Graham and Maxine Maunder

Venue: 184 Stamford Street, North Rockhampton.

Time: 2pm

Date: **SUNDAY 28th APRIL**

Please bring a small plate of food to share, hat and folding chair. Donations to the raffle are always welcome.

Margaret Handley

Species of the Month

The species of the month is *Paphiopedilum Charlesworthii*. It is a small paphiopedilum that is found mainly in Myanmar (Burma) extending into Thailand. It is found mostly growing on rocks in semi-shaded positions in fissures on limestone hills. Hence, it is a lithophyte, it is found above 1000ft -5000ft and is kept moist by the fogs and mists found at these heights. As a result, in culture it prefers to be kept moist. The leaves are slender with attractive dark greenish spots at the base.



The flower is quite large for a small plant with a disproportionate large dorsal sepal. This prized feature has seen *Paph. charlesworthii* used extensively for breeding 'complex hybrid paphiopedilums' as opposed to the 'multifloral types' more commonly seen in our area, which are often primary hybrids. A check of Orchidwiz confirms this with a progeny listing of 2,706 hybrids having *Paph. charlesworthii* as part of their parentage. The pink lavender colour of the dorsal is in contrast with the mahogany labellum and combined with its white staminode makes a very attractive flower. If kept moist it will happily grow in a bark-based mix and for a paphiopedilum quite quick to flower. Well worth a try for the advanced grower.

<i>* Information is general in nature and given in good faith.</i>	Watering/Weekly	Fertilizer Twice Weekly	Pest/Disease Control	Comments
Cattleya	2-3times weekly	Higher Nitrogen	Inspect for mealy bugs/Fungus control if necessary	Increase watering frequency as temperature rises to maintain humidity. Divide and re-pot mature plants
Dendrobium Hard cane	2-3times weekly	Increase fertilizer containing a higher nitrogen level.	Inspect for mealy bugs and scale /Fungus control if necessary	Increase watering frequency as temperature rises to maintain humidity. Re-pot if overgrowing pot
Dendrobium Soft cane	2-3times weekly	Increase fertilizer containing a higher nitrogen level.	Inspect for scale Spray with white oil, Malathion	Remove and pot on Kiekies (plantlets)
Phalaenopsis	1-2 times weekly	Increase fertilizer containing a higher nitrogen level	Use Preventative Fungicide Mancozeb	Increase watering frequency as temperature rises to maintain humidity. Re-pot if overgrowing the pot. Pot up seedlings.
Vandaceous	Water daily in hot weather every 2 nd day if cooler	Increase fertilizer containing a higher nitrogen level	Ants / Scale and Mealy bugs. Inspect material in baskets. Spray with white oil, Malathion	Increase watering to once a day in very hot weather. Maintain humidity when possible.
Oncidium	In hot weather, every 1-2 weekly	Balanced fertilizer.	Fungal leaf-issues as humidity increases.	High nitrogen fertilizers encourage too much leaf growth in Varicosum types
Paphiopedilums	3 times weekly more if in hot weather.	Balanced (Less nitrogen) fertilizer	Preventative Fungicide Mancozeb	Do not let plants dry out in hot weather.
Catasetinae	At least 3 time weekly Increase frequency If new growths are starting	Increase fertilizer containing a higher nitrogen level	Spray Miticide monthly, more often in Hot dry conditions	Maintain a close vigil for Spider mites. These pests can devastate a collection.

**Next Monthly Meeting Tuesday 23rd April
Starts 7.30pm.**

**Notice to Members: Please assist if you can with cleaning the hall
after the meeting**

Monthly Competition Results – March 2019. (Plants tabled: Advanced 49; Novice 22.)

Judges Choice *Rlc.* Chief Journey ‘First Choice’ C. Christensen
 (Den. Burana Candy x Chao Praya Gem ‘Delicate Dreams’ J&S Frisch
Paph. charlesworthii J&N Glover

Popular Vote - Advanced

Cattleya over 100mm (*Rlc.* Miya’s Glow x Makaha Gold)
 ‘Capricorn’s Solar Flare’ J&S Frisch
 T.Dean
 Cattleya *C.* Deception Palouse J&S Frisch
 Vandaceous *V.* Viroonchan Gold ‘Sri Esarn’ J&S Frisch
 Dendrobium Tie (*Den.* Burana Candy x Chao Praya Gem) J&S Frisch
 Tie *Den.* Humming Butterfly P& T Jenkinson
 Catasetinae (*Cyc.* Jean E Monnier x Richard Brandon) T&M Handley
 Paphiopedilum *Paph.* Mary Franz Smith J&N Glover
 Species *Aer. quinquevulnera* J&M Bloxsom
 Miscellaneous *Milt.* Bluntii K&R Smith

Novice.

Cattleya over 100mm *Rlc.* Focus Taiwan ‘Orchis’ Jenkins & Kuhl
 Cattleya up to 100mm *C.* Caudebec Candy (=Caudebec x Lulu) Jenkins & Kuhl
 Dendrobium *Den.* Burbank Premium (= Dal’s Memory x Jack Flash) Jenkins & Kuhl
 Oncidiinae *Milt.* Earl Dunn ‘Hildos’ D.MacKenzie
 Miscellaneous *Aer. quinquevulnera* D&L Humble

(*Den.* Burana Candy x Chao Praya Gem ‘Delicate Dreams’ *Paph. charlesworthii*



Rlc. Chief Journey ‘First Choice’



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Sub Tropical Orchid Council Qld. Inc.

“Rocky Round Up Orchidfest” Conference and Show September 2019

Saturday 14th 9am - 4pm Sunday 15th 9am - 3pm



The conference will be an open show exhibiting club displays & tabled plants

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Your Orchid Diary 2019

13-14th April ROSI Autumn Show

19th, 20th, 21st April: Gladstone O&FS show.

27th, 28th April: Gympie & DOS show with set up 26th.

10th, 11th May Noosa O&FS closed show in CWA Hall
Cooroy

10th, 11th August: Agnes Water O&FS show, Community
Centre, Springs Road, Agnes Water; set up
9th.

23rd, 24th August Noosa O&FS show in Cooroy
Memorial Hall with set up 22nd.

6th, 7th September: Nambour OS show set up 5th.

14th, 15th September 2019: STOCQ Orchidfest
Rockhampton

19th -21st September: Maryborough DOS show St Paul's
Memorial Hall, set up 18th.

27th, 28th September 2019: Glasshouse COS show with
set up 26th.

27th, 28th September: Hervey Bay OS show with set up
26th.

1st, 2nd November Nambour OS species show; set up
31st October.

16th November 2019: STOCQ and OQI meetings at The
Orchid House, 156A First Avenue, Bongaree hosted by
Bribie Island Orchid Society

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Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday
of each month (excluding December) at
St Stephens Presbyterian Church Hall,
Burnett St. Nth Rockhampton;
commencing at 7.30 pm. Plants must be
tabled by 7.15pm.

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