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Newsletter August 2018

Editor's notes

Spring is almost here, but while I write this month's edition the temperature has again dropped to a 5degree minimum, so it looks as if Winter still has a sting in its tail. I for one am not complaining as Summer last year was very hot and all forecasts say this year will most likely be a repeat performance. I am convinced the cooler the Winter the better it is for flowers here in Rocky. Personally, I have had the best flowering period for a long time. Hopefully I have some for the Spring show which this year will be in late September, from the 31st -1st October. This is because of the way the school holidays have fell this year. There has been some criticism of holding it at this time but it makes it so much easier for 'setting - up and getting the store materials there when school is out. Hopefully the mainstay of the Spring Show the soft-cane Dendrobiums will be late this year. No doubt we will hear the usual cry, "I have nothing out" and as usual, we will still have a great display.

The Spring Shows have started and I visited and judged along with Peter Jenkinson at the recent Agnes Water Orchid and Foliage Society's show. It is always a well-supported show considering it is a very recently formed group and with its location, which is a little bit off the beaten track so to speak, and more of a 'surf and sun town' rather than a gardeners'. However, this year I think it was their best ever with many entries both tabled and in displays. Photos of the winning orchids are included in this Newsletter.

Yet, the really big event for ROSI anyway, is of course us hosting Orchidfest Rocky Round Up in September 2019. It is hoped that we get a good level of support from other Sub Tropical Orchid Council Queensland affiliated societies, as Rockhampton is considered "so far away" by many of the southern members of the council. It was heartening to see such support given to the Agnes Water Show by some of the closer member societies such as, Gladstone Orchid and Foliage Society, Hervey Bay Orchid Society, and Bundaberg Orchid Society, which likewise have all pledged backing for the conference both with displays and schedule sponsorship.

Therefore, I have included in this Newsletter the first of intended 'periodical updates' as the conference quickly approaches with just over a year to go.

Until, next month good growing,

Jeff Glover

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Growers Tip

August is a good month for Orchid Growers in Rocky as you should have lots of flowers with the remnants of the winter flowering Exhibition Cattleyas combining with the beginnings of the Spring flowering genera such as soft-cane dendrobiums and Phalaenopsis. Staking and training of inflorescences for the forthcoming Spring show should be a priority. Likewise, re-potting and dividing can begin as many genera start to show signs of new growth as the temperature warms and daylight increases. New roots will start to appear on dormant eyes/tips that start to swell and grow on genera such as Catasetums, Cattleyas and Dendrobiums. Pups/ Kekies for 'potting on' can be removed from Vandas and Soft-cane Dens provided they have sufficient root development. So, there is plenty to do before it gets too hot, and from all indications this summer is going to be even hotter than last year. My records show Nov.1st, 2017 hit 40 degrees. Potting orchids is not fun in that sort of heat. ☹️ So, don't delay!

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General Meeting Tuesday 24TH JULY 2018

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: Nil

Visitors: Nil

Lucky Number: 119 P Rankin

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

Moved M Maunder Seconded S Eggleshaw **Carried**

Correspondence:

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Blackwater & District Orchid & Foliage Club Inc.

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Rockhampton Horticultural Society Inc. – June & July

The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Inc.

Townsville Orchid Soc. Inc.

Emails:

Orchids Queensland Inc. Call to AGM in Maroochydore on 11/8/18

Nambour Orchid Society – sponsorship of Class 8 Species 8.01 to 8.10. Cheque to be forwarded when approved by meeting.

Gympie Orchid Society – sponsorship 1 cat class, 1 Den, 1 Vanda, and 1 species of any genera. Cheque in next few weeks.

Mail:

Australian Orchid Foundation – receipt and thank you for donation.

Thank you, card, from Noel Barker's family

Australian Orchid Council – invoice for membership - \$100

Rock – statements

Maroochydore Orchid Society – cheque for \$70 as sponsorship of 2 show schedule listings. Did not nominate categories (presumably left to our discretion).

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Letter to Bunnings Rockhampton re sponsorship for our shows and the 2019 conference.

To STOCQ affiliate societies – Invitations for sponsorship of prize money for the 2019 conference and show along with copy of show schedule.

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

Moved T Craig Seconded Y Manning **Carried**

Treasurer's Report:

Read and moved for acceptance by S Rowcliffe Seconded C Roberts

Carried

Growers Group Coordinators Report: Marg Handley delivered her report. The next Growers' Group meeting will be held on Saturday, 28th July commencing at 2.00pm. The venue will be at 215 Harrison Street, Frenchville.

President's Report:

There was no report as there was no committee meeting after the last general meeting. The next committee meeting will be held at J Glover's residence on Tuesday, 31st July commencing at 7.00 pm

General Business:

Jeff Glover presented a certificate to Trevor and Marg Handley for their Grand Champion Orchid which was awarded a Highly Commended Certificate at our Autumn Show.

It was reported that Zoe Kidman is in hospital as is Richard Mann.

Plant Commentary:

John Frisch gave an informative talk on the plants tabled at the meeting.

Exhibitor's Raffle: T & M Handley

General Raffle: S Eggleshaw x 2, M Handley, C Christensen, J Lowrey x 2, J Glover.

Meeting closed at 8.41pm.

Jeff Bloxsom

Trish Craig

STOCQ Rocky Round Up Orchidfest 2019 Update # 1

Planning by the committee is well underway for next year's hosting of the STOCQ Rocky Roundup Orchidfest.

The Show Schedule (Available on our Website) has been completed and sent along with a cover letter to the fellow affiliated societies of STOCQ requesting sponsorship of classes and prize-monies. This is standard practice with these conferences and already we have received pledges of support from other STOCQ affiliated societies and \$600 from the STOCQ to sponsor the Champion Orchid prize. Overall, there is approximately \$6000 of prize money on offer.

Initial advertising planning has started with a proposed half page feature add being developed for placing in Orchids Australia from this year's December issue until next year's August edition. Local media adds will be produced as the event draws closer. Committee members and members will be asked to source sponsorship for cash or in-kind donations. A letter has been drafted to send to local businesses. Grants applications have been lodged by our Treasurer Sandra Rowcliffe and we are awaiting to see if any are successful in the current rounds.

We have already been approached by vendors for sites; the number of vendors will be governed by whether the proposed expansion of the venue will happen before the conference. Our last contact with Korte's Resort management was very positive regarding it going ahead in the near future. The committee has set the costs for the weekend at \$150 per single registrant and \$270 per couple with costs for members to be discussed at next month's meeting. Preliminary catering has been organized with the venue's management and likewise, with the caterers for the presentation dinner at 'The Woolshed' at The Heritage Village. We have already had enquiries for registrations; especially since the recent AOC conference in Sydney where our conference flyers were distributed. These were also made available at the recent combined societies meeting in Howard and at the Bundy Orchid Show in May and again recently at the Agnes Water and Maroochydore Shows; so 'the word' is starting to spread. An updated version of the flyer will soon be printed in time for our Spring Show. In addition, the registration form has been completed and is available from our website; which recently has had a lot of re-development aimed at the conference thanks to our Webmaster, Bob Lakey. It now includes a 'countdown clock', check it out, I am sure you will be impressed.

So, after a lot of behind the scenes work it is all starting to come together with just over a year to go. Onwards to Rocky Roundup Orchidfest 2019!

Jeff Glover

R.O.S.I Growers Group Report

On Saturday 28th July, a lovely 'spring like' Rockhampton day, 47 members of our group met at the residence of Diane and Rod MacKenzie at Frenchville. We enjoyed the openness of Diane and Rod's yard which features large trees and an expansive lawn – a very relaxing space. Di has her soft canes strung between two trees and her other orchids and foliage are in a shaded area beside the house. Thank you to Diane and Rod for hosting us and thanks to those who donated prizes for the raffle.

As Trevor and I and Ken and Rosie Smith had recently attended the 21st Australian Orchid Council Conference and Show, 'Orchids in the Foothills' at Windsor NSW, I told the Growers Group about some of the features of the Conference and the lectures that we had attended. There were many spectacular flowering standard cymbidiums at the Show and so I felt the topic for our July Growers Group had to be *Heat Tolerant Cymbidiums*. The cymbidiums that we can grow in this area.

I shared photos of standard cymbidiums from the NSW show as well as photos of HT cymbidiums (belonging to R.O.S.I members) that I had taken on club nights and at the R.O.S.I shows. On the day, Sandra Rowcliffe brought her flowering Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' for members to view. John Frisch also gave us more information about successfully growing this genus and described the Australian cymbidium species and their cultivation needs. As always, we appreciate John's input and thank him for taking part. John also brought a flowering cymbidium Cym. Yi- Ying Red Gem and a plant of Cym. canaliculatum var. sparkesii for us to view.

The next ROSI Growers Group will be on **Saturday September 1 at the residence of Sandra and Michael Rowcliffe at 53 Constance Avenue, Olive Estate, Rockyview at 2pm.**

Max Rawlings from MnS Orchids, Sarina has accepted an invitation to be Guest Speaker and will tell us about deflasking orchids and his methods of potting.

Please bring along a folding chair and small plate of food to share.

Margaret Handley

Agnes Water Show Winners.



Owners : **Champion D&R Shield.**
General Cultural Guide July/September



Res. Champion B&A Heidke

<i>* Information is general in nature and given in good faith.</i>	Watering/Weekly	Fertilizer/Weekly	Pest/Disease Control	Comments
Cattleya	1-2times weekly	Blossom booster Low Nitrogen	Flower Thrips Yates Success or Pyrethrum on buds	Weather is variable at this time of year. Reduce watering frequency as temperature cools.
Dendrobium Hard cane		Reduce fertilizer and cease by Winter's onset	Flower Thrips Yates Success Pyrethrum on buds	Weather is variable at this time of year. Reduce watering frequency as temperature cools.
Dendrobium Softcane	Once weekly	Cease fertilizer		If fertilizer is applied from now on, plantlets will form rather than flowers
Phalaenopsis	1-2 times weekly	Reduce fertilizing with cooler weather. Low nitrogen	Preventative Fungicide if wet cooler weather Mancozeb	Weather is variable at this time of year. Reduce watering frequency as temperature cools.
Vandaceous	Water daily in hot weather 1-2 days if cooler	Balanced fertilizer if still in growth Cease if weather cools	Flower Thrips Yates Success or Pyrethrum on buds	
Oncidium	In hot weather, every 1-2 weekly	Balanced fertilizer if still in growth Cease if weather cools		
Paphiopedilums	1-2 times weekly in cooler weather.	Balanced fertilizer	Preventative Fungicide if wet cooler weather Mancozeb	
Catasetinae	1 time weekly Increase frequency If new growths are starting	Fertilizer should cease once flowering has initiated.	Plants will defoliate if weather cools significantly. (Normal reaction)	Watering should be phased out completely after flowering is finished.

Next Monthly Meeting: Tuesday 28th August. Starts 7.30 pm.

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

Monthly Competition Results July 2018.

Novice 17)

Judges Choice

Rlc. Glenlee Horizon 'Karen'

Paph. Steve Waters

Rhy. gigantea f. alba

(Plants tabled: Advanced 47;

C. Christensen

T. Dean

J&N Glover

Popular Vote – Advanced

Cattleya over 100mm	<i>Rlc. Chun Yeah 'Good Life'</i>	J&S Frisch
Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>Rlc. Village Chief North 'Green Genius'</i>	M&S Rowcliffe
Vandaceous	<i>V. Susan Ong Ah Mooi</i>	W&M Richardson
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. Matchless 'Balmoral'</i>	T. Dean
Phalaenopsis	<i>Phal. Dai Yang Dream</i>	T&M Handley
Catasetinae	<i>Cyc. Jumbo Puff 'Jumbo Canary'</i>	T&M Handley
Species	<i>L. rubescens</i>	J&M Bloxson
Miscellaneous	<i>Den. Kiku Orange</i>	M&S Rowcliffe

Novice

Cattleya over 100mm	<i>Rlc. (Blc.) Greenwich 'Elm Hurst'</i>	R. Wines
Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>Rlc. Momilani Rainbow 'The Gypsy'</i>	T. March
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Ray's Twist</i> =(<i>Den. Fran's Twist</i> X <i>Den. gouldii</i>)	T&J Rawlings
Oncidiinae	<i>Onc. ornithorhynchum</i> x <i>Onc. onustum</i>	S. Kuhl
Miscellaneous	<i>Rhy. gigantea 'Cartoon'</i>	? not recorded

Paph. Steve Waters



Rlc. Glenlee Horizon 'Karen'



Rhy.gigantea fma. alba.



Species of the Month

The species of the month is *Phalaenopsis equestris*. This species could be regarded as the mainstay of the development of the so called 'Mini- Phalaenopsis. It has been widely hybridized with a check of its progeny on Orchidwiz revealing that it has 552 primary hybrids. That means it has been crossed once with another plant. This does not take into account how many times it appears in the extended breeding profile of many Phalaenopsis hybrids which would be in the thousands. Its obvious

appeals are smaller but more numerous flowers, its propensity, to produce branching inflorescences and its compact size. In Rocky we have several very successful growers of Phalaenopsis and the general consensus is that 'minis' are no easier or harder to grow than 'standard' varieties. The major problem like all Phallies is getting them through a colder than normal winter; this winter could be a case in hand. When the genus requirements are checked; a temperature of 10 degrees Celsius as a minimum is given. It is found in the Philippines and Taiwan.



Social Notes

Richard Mann is on the sick list and recuperating in Rockhampton Base Hospital. Best wishes Richard for a speedy recovery and we hope to see you back at the meetings soon and home in time to prepare for the Spring Show which we know you and Lynne enjoy so much. Likewise, we wish a speedy recovery and best wishes to Zoe Kidman who also spent some time in hospital but is now getting better at home.

Bryan Weaver has also been spending a lot of time visiting the hospital for ongoing treatment, we hope you are soon on the mend as well.

To any other members who are not feeling well during this current Flu-Season, we hope feel better soon!

Trevor and Margaret Handley were presented with the Australian Orchid Council, Highly Commended Certificate awarded to their Autumn Show Champion Orchid, *Cyc. barthiorum* 'Pink Dove' at last month's meeting by STOCQ Northern Judging Panel Asst.Registrar Jeff Glover.



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Your Orchid Diary 2018

August 10-11th Maroochydore Orchid Show
31-1st Sept Nambour Orchid Show
Sept 14-15 Noosa Dist. Orchid Show
TBA Caloundra Spring Show(closed
21-22nd Glasshouse OFS Show
29-30th ROSI Spring Show
Oct 12-13th Bribie Island OFS Show
Nov 2-3rd Nambour Species Society Show
STOC Meeting Caboolture

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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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