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## **Newsletter February 2019**

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### *Editor's Notes*

As I compile this Newsletter the north of the state is being deluged by a persistent monsoon trough. From all reports most of our kindred orchid growers and their collections have come through this natural disaster relatively unscathed. This includes both the commercial growers located in Townsville with whom we have a close association; 'Alice's Orchids', the Zerk family being part of our shows for many years and 'Sunnyview Orchids' operated by members Lawrence and Paxia Lucke's son Peter. Unfortunately, we can't get any descent rain only showers, not that we want the downpours that have seen totals like 500mls overnight at Halifax, certainly almost unbelievable. Having experienced many floods in our own city in the last 10 years our thoughts and prayers are with the residents of Townsville.

President Jeff Bloxson and I attended the STOCQ Annual General Meeting in Gympie on Feb 9<sup>th</sup> primarily to update the member societies on the progress of Rocky Round Up Orchifest 2019. We were well received as we had folders of the relevant information on Orchifest and Rockhampton Tourist information for distribution to each society. We gained two more societies' pledges of support for sponsoring prizes in the schedule; while some society representatives said they would take back our requests to their respective clubs. It is a little disappointing in that we have sent requests direct to individual societies last year and are still waiting for responses from some; considering that we have had pledges and payments from individuals. Especially, with our own society's generous sponsorship of these events in the past. However, while there are no coach-trips planned by any societies as yet, there were a number of individuals at the AGM who said they would be attending regardless.

This has been confirmed through contacts of late with the management of Korte's who said they have taken quite a few bookings recently; as well as some from the attending vendors. They were very pleased with this development. In addition, I personally know of a couple who have booked and are coming from Geelong in Victoria; one of whom is a judge and also another judge from SA who has also booked into Korte's.

On another positive note our application for a cash grant from Rockhampton Regional Council has been well received. Depending on the funding available in this round we should be eligible either for a minor or major grant. Contacts are also being pursued for an advertising feature for Orchifest with Advance Rockhampton for their next publication. September will come around quickly, and all is progressing well.

Jeff Glover

## Office Bearers

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### Ex Officio Positions

Society Registrar: Terry Dean

Newsletter Editor: Jeff Glover

Assist Newsletter Editor: Jenny Moore

Technical Advisors: John Frisch, Jeff Glover

Webmaster: Bob Lakey

ROSI Growers Co-coordinator Marg Handley

Provider Maxine Maunder

Promotion Officer Sandra Rowcliffe /Jeff Glover (STOC)

Door Monitors Lorraine and Brian Weaver

Librarian: Jack Martin

Raffle Plant Caretaker: Terry Dean

Property Officers: Barry and Faye English.

### Shows and Meetings

Show Marshall: Jeff Glover

Chief Steward: Moyna Richardson

Plant/Barcode collators Trish Craig & Barry English

Australian Orchid Council ROSI Based Judging Team

#### Judges:

Jeff Glover

Terry Dean

Marty Gunder

Faye English

Bernard Hilse

#### Associate Judges

Trish Craig

Doug Chippendale

Peter Jenkinson

Nat Lakey

Sandra Rowcliffe



### Growers' Tip

One of the most insidious pests to control that face orchid growers especially in the hotter dryer months from September to December and through to March depending on whether we get a wet summer is Spider Mites. Both red and false spider mites are problematic in the Central Queensland area. Spraying with chemicals such as Stealth and Kelthane is the accepted method but many people are reticent to expose themselves through spraying to such compounds. These pest are not only problematic to orchid-growers but are very much a high-end pest in agriculture. For instance, I recently found out that these mites can be in plague proportions in the Strawberry industry. One of the control methods used is a rotational use of predatory mites in conjunction with chemicals. Chemicals are used after the predatory mites have laid their eggs and the next generations of hatchlings control the next generation of mites and so on. Obviously, the use of the predatory mites is problematic for orchid growers growing their orchids in the confines of a greenhouse. The other method is to maintain a high level of humidity in your

greenhouse. Ok, here is a simple method which will kill some mites as well. The general advice is to water in the mornings; however, in the hotter months the nights are warm and the risk of fungal problems through wet plants is reduced. A jet of water to the leaves of Catasetinae orchids from a hose every afternoon for a week will disturb/kill the mites and

flush off any eggs while maintaining humidity through the night. Continue this practice while the mites are evident and isolate or dispose of any infected plants if you wish to avoid chemicals. This method can also be used in conjunction with chemical control.

Jeff Glover

## **Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.**

### **General Meeting Tuesday 22nd January 2019**

**Attendance:** As per register

**Apologies:** As per register

**New Members:** 52 Ola Hobin

**Visitors:** Anita Chopping and Desleigh Schneider

**Lucky Number:** 94 - Rosemary Wines

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

Moved P Rankin Seconded W Ahern **Carried**

#### **Correspondence:**

##### **IN – NEWSLETTERS**

Blackwater & District Orchid & Foliage Club

Childers & Isis District Orchid Society Inc.

Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society Inc.

Maroochydore Orchid Society Inc.

Maryborough District Orchid Society

Mid-Murray Orchid Club Inc.

Nambour Orchid Society Inc.

Nightcliff Orchid Society

Pioneer River Orchid & Plant Assoc. Inc.

Rockhampton Horticultural Society Inc.

The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Inc.

Townsville Orchid Soc. Inc.

OQI – notice of meeting

STOCQ – notice of AGM 9/2/19

AOC – orchids awarded in Queensland in 2018

Orchids Australia magazine

Orchid Review magazine

Rock – 2 statements

City Printing Works - statement

OrchidWiz programmes

Conference registration – J & B Hughes, Barry & Val Mitchell from Bowen Orchid Society

My Bank – 2 statements

Thank you card from Doug Chippendale and family

##### **OUT**

Nil

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

Moved T Craig Seconded Z Kidman **Carried**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Read and moved for acceptance by S Rowcliffe                      Seconded                      M Kydd                      **Carried**

**Growers Group Coordinators Report:** Marg Handley delivered her report.

**President's Report:** Committee Meeting – discussion regarding the upcoming Spring Show and the 2019 Conference.

**General Business:**

*Triennial Weekend* – Gladstone 2&3/3/19.

Accommodation has been booked at Gladstone City Central Apartments.

There is a cost per head from Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society as well as the cost of hiring the coach and accommodation brings the cost of the weekend to approximately \$200 per head.

Motion: That the society subsidise the cost of the weekend by \$1500.

Moved M Handley    Seconded N Lakey    **Carried**

Final cost per head will be given at the February general meeting.

It is worth noting that our coach driver John and his backup driver Peter have offered there services for free for the trip.

*Christmas Party* 2018 had the greatest number of attendees (about 120 members) ever.

The venue has been booked for Christmas 2019 – Sunday 8/12/19.

*Sausage Sizzle* at Bunnings on Saturday 5/1/19 was very successful. We hope to have more during the year. All proceeds will go towards the cost of running the conference in September.

*STOCQ AGM & OQI general meeting* – Jeff Bloxsom and Jeff Glover will attend on Saturday 9/2/19.

The will give an update on the progress of the preparation for the conference and hopefully gauge how much support we will get from other societies, particularly those in the south.

*Grant from Gambling Community Benefit Fund* – money has been received and used to purchase the equipment that was set out in the grant application.

**Plant Commentary:** John Frisch

**Exhibitor's Raffle:** D Hughes

**General Raffle:** D Schneider (visitor), M Handley, P Jenkinson, A Chopping (visitor), G Breingan, B Jenkins, Y Manning

Committee meeting at Jeff Bloxsom's residence on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm

Meeting closed 8.53pm.

Jeff Bloxsom  
President

Trish Craig  
Secretary

**Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.**

**Annual General Meeting Tuesday 27th February 2018**

**Attendance:** As per register

**Apologies:** As per register

**Minutes** of previous AGM meeting were approved as correct and accurate. No business arising from them.

Moved Allan White Seconded Sandra Rowcliffe **Carried**

**President's Report:** Circulated in the February 2018 newsletter. Jeff Bloxsom thanked all members for their support over the previous 12 months.

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Bill Richardson (as per report distributed at the meeting). Bill mentioned that our books have been audited and Bill has a letter to confirm that. Bill moved that his report be accepted. Seconded Peter Rankin **Carried**

**Election of Officials:** President Jeff Bloxsom thanked committee members for all the good work during the year as well as all members whose participation at meetings, shows and trips have kept the club strong.

All positions were declared vacant.

Jeff handed the Chair over to Peter Jenkinson who read out the nomination for president. As there was only one nomination for president, Jeff Bloxsom was re-elected unopposed. Peter Jenkinson relinquished the Chair to Jeff Bloxsom who read out the remaining nominations.

<b>Vice President:</b> Peter Jenkinson	- Elected unopposed
<b>Secretary:</b> Trish Craig	- Elected unopposed
<b>Treasurer:</b> Sandra Rowcliffe	- Elected unopposed
<b>Committee:</b> 1. Jeff Glover	- Elected unopposed
2. Tony March	- Elected unopposed
3. Terry Dean	- Elected unopposed
4. Bob Lakey	- Elected unopposed
5. Bill Richardson	- Elected unopposed
6. Allan White	- Elected unopposed
7. Nat Lakey	- Elected unopposed
8. Trevor Handley	- Elected unopposed
9. Marg Handley	- Elected unopposed
<b>Librarian:</b> Jack Martin	- Elected unopposed
<b>Editor:</b> Jeff Glover	- Elected unopposed

<b>Assistant Editor:</b> Jenny Moore	- Elected unopposed
<b>Publicity Officers:</b> Jeff Glover & Sandra Rowcliffe	- Accepted
<b>Registrar:</b> Terry Dean	- Accepted
<b>Technical Advisors:</b> John Frisch	- Accepted
Jeff Glover	- Accepted
<b>Provedore:</b> Maxine Maunder	- Accepted
<b>Door Monitors/Hostess:</b> Bryan Weaver	- Accepted
Lorraine Weaver	- Accepted
<b>Property Officers:</b> Faye & Barry English	- Accepted
<b>Plant Caretaker:</b> Terry Dean	- Accepted
<b>Web Master:</b> Bob Lakey	- Accepted

There were no nominations for New Grower's Coordinator. After some discussion, Marg and Trevor Handley agreed to give it a go.

Meeting closed at 8.12pm

Jeff Bloxsom President

Trish Craig Secretary

## Species of the Month



The species of the month is *Cynoches cooperi* belonging to the *genus* known as the Swan Orchids and a member of the Catasetiane family. This orchid is found mostly in Peru growing in wet tropical forests up to 500 metres. It has fine elongated pseudo-bulbs that grow from 20-45 cm with overlapping leaves that form a distinctive pattern at the base as the plant matures. Flowers display on a crowded arching/pendulous raceme that usually emanates from the upper most leaf axils. It can be up to 50 cm long and it is not unusual to get two flowerings in a season that can be from late summer to early winter. The flowers are predominately male. The formation of female flowers depends on light levels. Having both female and male flowers aligns with other genera in the Catasetinae family such as, *Catasetum* that also has this feature. The male flowers are very showy, quite large and fragrant.

Their colour ranges from light mahogany-brown to dark coffee brown with white lateral lobes on the lip and a light purple column.

This species was registered in 1913 and it is only of late being the last 25 years that it has been used for breeding. This most likely can be attributed to the contemporary 'love affair' that many growers and breeders have with Catasetinae. Orchidwiz lists 9 primary hybrids, 37 progeny and 37 awards.

Like all members of this family they are heavy feeders requiring copious amounts of water and fertilizer during the growing season and a rest in Winter. Depending on the temperature drop; Winter will often see the plants defoliate. Likewise, they share the nemesis of all Catasetineae; spider-mites. These can be controlled with chemicals such as Kelthane and Stealth and by keeping the plants in a high humidity environment. Potting mix in the main is Sphagnum Moss, while some growers prefer bark mixes, but these will dry out quicker. A showy but relatively fickle species that like many species can suddenly 'turn up its toes' after flowering and doing its bit for the next generation.

## R.O.S.I Growers Group Report

Thanks go to Rod and Diane MacKenzie who have offered to host the March Growers Group at their residence in Frenchville. Since our last visit they have built a new Orchid House which will be interesting to see.

As usual, bring your folding chair, hat and a plate of food to share.

See you at Rod and Diane MacKenzie's place at **215 Harrison Street, Frenchville on Saturday 23 March at 2 pm.**

Margaret Handley

## General Cultural Guide January /March

<i>* Information is general in nature and given in good faith.</i>	<b>Watering/Weekly</b>	<b>Fertilizer Twice Weekly</b>	<b>Pest/Disease Control</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Cattleya</b>	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
<b>Dendrobium Hard cane</b>	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
<b>Dendrobium Soft cane</b>	2-3times weekly	Increase fertilizer containing a higher nitrogen level.	Inspect for scale Spray with white oil, Malathion	Remove and pot on Kiekies (plantlets)
<b>Phalaenopsis</b>	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.
<b>Vandaceous</b>	Water daily in hot weather every 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.
<b>Oncidium</b>	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
<b>Paphiopedilums</b>	3 times weekly more if in hot weather.	Balanced (Less nitrogen) fertilizer	Preventative Fungicide Mancozeb	Do not let plants dry out in hot weather.
<b>Catasetinae</b>	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 & AGM 61 Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February  
Starts 7.30pm.**

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

## Monthly Competition Results – January 2019.

(Plants tabled: Advanced 45; Novice 24.)

### Judges Choice.

*C. Deception Mosaic*  
*Gram. scriptum f. citrinum*  
*Den. Tommy*

P&T Jenkinson  
 S.Rowcliffe  
 Jenkins & Kuhl

### Popular Vote, Advanced.

Cattleya over 100mm	<i>Rlc. Chief Journey ‘First Class’</i>	T&M Handley
Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>C. Deception Mosaic</i>	P&T Jenkinson
Vandaceous	<i>V. falcata x Aer. Korat Koki</i>	B&N Lakey
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Dark Desire</i>	K&R Smith
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. Name unknown</i>	K&R Smith
Species	<i>Gram. scriptum f. citrinum</i>	S.Rowcliffe
Miscellaneous	<i>Ctsm. Penang</i>	J&N Glover

### Novice.

Cattleya over 100mm	<i>C. Streets Ahead</i>	Jenkins & Kuhl
Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>Rlc. Little Toshie ‘Golden Dream’</i>	Jenkins & Kuhl
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Sakol Red ??</i>	Jenkins & Kuhl
Miscellaneous	<i>Zgt. Midnight Blue ‘Cardinal’s Roast’</i>	D.MacKenzie

**Gram. Scriptum f. citrinum**



**C. Deception Mosaic**



**Den Tommy**





**ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY INC. NOMINATION FORM FOR EXECUTIVE POSITION**

We the undersigned, financial members of the Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc  
 Hereby nominate: ..... For the  
 Position of: .....  
 Proposer.....Signature.....  
 Seconder.....Signature..... I,  
 .....Being a financial member of the Society Accept the  
 nomination.

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE .....

**ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY INC. SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL FORM – 2018**

**Your annual fees are due to be paid by Our Annual General Meeting 27/02/18**

Fees can now be direct deposited by Electronic Funds Transfer or by Bank Deposit into our Rock account

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**ANNUAL FEE \$30-00 (FAMILY/SINGLE)**

Could you please fill in and return the above nomination form when paying your fees. (This will enable us to check and update all your information)

Newsletters will be emailed to members email addresses. Tick if you require a copy mailed to you ( )

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## Tony March Collects his Trophies.

After being unable to collect his clutch of trophies which included Best Novice and Judges Choice for 2018 at the Xmas function as he was on holidays; Tony caught up with president Jeff Bloxsom for a presentation at last month's meeting. Congratulations Tony.



## TRIENNIAL FIELD WEEKEND – GLADSTONE

2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> March 2019

We are having a field trip to Gladstone on the above weekend

This is the triennial field weekend shared between the Central CQ Orchid Societies. It is a great weekend of bush-housing, socialising, feasting, catching up with old friends and making new ones. I do not have the agenda for the weekend as yet.

**Departure time 7am – rear car park (Scott St) Lawrences Holden (Lock up your car)**

As per usual we will be travelling with North's Coaches with John Jenkinson driving

We will be staying at **Gladstone City Central Apartments – 66 Oaka Lane**

As in previous field weekends – usually start off with morning tea, some bush housing then lunch – more visits to collections – afternoon tea and more visits – dinner that evening. Your accommodation includes a continental breakfast in the restaurant – then off to more visiting collections before finishing with lunch at a venue to be advised.

The total cost for the weekend including all travel, accommodation and meals is \$200 each

However, at our last meeting a motion was passed to subsidy this weekend by \$1500

This will bring the cost down **to \$145 each \$290 double twin share rooms** – a very affordable weekend of which you should take advantage. At the moment we have 34 members participating on the weekend; so if you have not put your name down and wish to come along please notify Jeff Bloxsom as soon as possible. (0407995122)

**Full payment will be required at our next Meeting – AGM 26/02**

Come along and join in with your fellow members – these are usually great weekends

Jeff Bloxsom , President



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## Sub Tropical Orchid Council Qld. Inc.

### “Rocky Round Up Orchidfest”

### Conference and Show September 2019

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 9am - 4pm    Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 9am - 3pm



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

[Visit our Website for Updates, Registration Form & Show Schedule](#)

### Visiting Orchid Nurseries

Orchid Sales

Capricorn Reginal Bonsai Society    The Rockhampton Cake Decorators

Display & Sales

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Demonstrations

Guest Speakers

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## Your Orchid Diary 2019

2-3<sup>rd</sup> March, Triennial Visit to Gladstone

13-14<sup>th</sup> April ROSI Autumn Show

19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> April: Gladstone O&FS show.

27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> April: Gympie & DOS show with set up 26<sup>th</sup>.

10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> May Noosa O&FS closed show in CWA Hall  
Cooroy

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

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

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> September: Nambour OS show set up 5<sup>th</sup>.

**14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019: STOCQ Orchidfest**  
**Rockhampton**

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

27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019: Glasshouse COS show with  
set up 26<sup>th</sup>.

27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> September: Hervey Bay OS show with set up  
26<sup>th</sup>.

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

16<sup>th</sup> 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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