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## **Newsletter February 2020**

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### *Editor's Notes*

Our next monthly meeting will be held in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting. Notice of the AGM is again given in this Newsletter and was also posted in last month's Newsletter. Likewise, nomination slips are also included. Please give consideration for nominating for a position. The Newsletter Editor's position will be vacant as I stated previously I will not be continuing this year after this my second stint in this position. Hence, this will be the last Newsletter from me. I will assist the next person whoever that may be should they wish me to, also I will contribute with the 'Species of the Month' which has proved very popular with members again if the nominee wishes it to be included .

In keeping with my grower's tip this month, I have included an article from a Newsletter in 2013 by a member who was an avid researcher. I was cleaning out one of my cupboards after more threats from 'she who must be obeyed', those of you who watched Rumpole of the Bailey will remember this quote, and found this article. Past member and Newsletter Editor, Peter Shelton penned this in which he gives his thoughts on the different types in the vast Dendrobium Orchid genera and succinctly puts it into an easy to follow perspective. I am sure it will be very informative to both newer growers and advanced growers alike.

Many members just grow orchids for personal enjoyment and the social pleasure that comes from belonging to a society or club. However, there is a supporting structure to which most societies in Australia belong and it often only becomes apparent to a lot of people when the annual fees to affiliate with that structure come due, and are mentioned at a meeting. President Jeff Bloxsom drew my attention to an article that is in this month's Caboolture Society's Newsletter and asked for it to be included. It explains all the Australian and State structures and puts it all in proportion. While it addresses Caboolture's relationship to these organisations , Rockhampton Orchid Society's is exactly the same; so please take the time to read it as I am sure it will answer a few questions for many members.

The President's Report is also enclosed and Jeff reflects on what a momentous year it was for ROSI. I hope you have enjoyed reading the Newsletters I have prepared over the last two years and thank you to those members who have personally told me so. I wish the incoming Newsletter Editor good luck.

Happy Orchid Growing,

Jeff Glover

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### Ex Officio Positions

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Newsletter Editor: Jeff Glover

Assist Newsletter Editor: Jenny Moore

Technical Advisors: John Frisch, Jeff Glover

Webmaster: Bob Lakey

ROSI Growers Coordinator Marg Handley

Providore Maxine Maunder

Promotion Officer Sandra Rowcliffe /Jeff Glover  
(STOC)

Door Monitors Lorraine Weaver

Librarian: Yvonne Manning .Assist. Tony March

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

My grower's tip for this month is to take advantage of the orchid specific technology that is now available. When I started growing orchids 40 years ago one of the issues to come to terms with was Nomenclature. I can remember all of the, at the time confusing abbreviations, for example Slc. and Blc. When I asked a member what they stood for, the reply I received went something like this, "I don't know, but the Blc ones grow better here and I was told the Slc's like colder weather". That attitude was pretty widespread as people mainly just grew their orchids through trial and error as knowledge was limited to a few who cared to put in the effort to research. That was the next step for me, as I wanted to know more and I was referred to the club library; a daunting prospect it seemed. "Look up the Sanders" was the advice given. 'The Sanders', I discovered was a series of Addendums published every 3-5 years which contained the Royal Horticultural Society's List of Orchid Hybrids these blue and black bound books were very expensive and literally guarded by the Librarian. A few people

I discovered even had their own copies, but they were far too expensive for me on a single wage and two kids at the time, and I might add, most other members as well. Some books in the Society' library also contained information on species, in particular the most loaned and considered the most authoritative was the Encyclopedia of Cultivated Orchids by Alex D Hawks, still considered somewhat of 'a Bible' by species growers today. And, that was the

only way orchid growers worked out just what the hybrid plants they actually had were, and what species they were derived from, and likewise, gained cultural advice, apart from talking to more experienced members. I can remember members gathering around the Library Cupboard before the meeting started sometimes just to look up their newly gained plants profile and see if they had been registered to update their name tags. While during the meeting the President might announce that a cross had been registered, thus passing on that information for all and for it to be put in the Newsletter. That's right you could wait up to 3-5 years to get the registered name of hybrid crosses. With the onset of the internet and computers the user-unfriendly Sander's addendum tomes are no longer published. The RHS started an online website which wasn't really popular and again not that user friendly. They now publish the Sanders hybrids on line and for those who subscribe to Orchids Australia a supplement on new hybrids registered by the RHS is included.

Over the last decade several databases for orchids have been developed but the now dominate player Orchidwiz has remained the most popular and is the go-to source for most growers. A lot of people say it's expensive but for the convenience of using your own computer and instant information, plus regular updates, sometimes at only monthly intervals and compared to the price of the Sanders Books and the problems of the past; in my opinion its worth every cent. So, my tip is to get yourself a copy and take advantage of the huge amount of information that is available to today's orchid grower.

## **Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.**

### **Annual General Meeting Tuesday 26th February 2019**

**Attendance:** As per register

**Apologies:** As per register

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

Moved C Christensen Seconded A White **Carried**

No business arising from the minutes.

**President's Report:** AS the president Jeff Bloxsom was indisposed there was no president's report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Sandra Rowcliffe (as per report distributed at the meeting). Sandra mentioned that our books have been audited and that she has a letter to confirm that. Sandra moved that her report be accepted.

Seconded M Maunder **Carried**

**Election of Officials:** Vice President Peter Jenkinson 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.

Peter then handed the Chair over to Jeff Glover who read out the nomination for president. As there was only one nomination for president, Jeff Bloxsom was re-elected unopposed. Jeff Glover then 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> Yvonne Manning	- Elected unopposed
<b>Assistant Librarian:</b> Tony March	- Elected unopposed
<b>Editor:</b> Jeff Glover	- Elected unopposed
<b>Assistant Editor:</b> Jenny Moore	- Elected unopposed
<b>Growers Group Co-ordinator:</b> Marg Handley	- 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 Monitor/Hostess:</b> 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

At the conclusion of the election Jeff Glover Handed the chair to Vice President Peter Jenkinson who closed the meeting at 8.00pm

Peter Jenkinson	Trish Craig
Vice President	Secretary

**Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.**

**General Meeting Tuesday 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020**

**Attendance:** As per register

**Apologies:** As per register

**New Members:** (51) Pat Butler, (45) Leona Shepherd, (35) David Vaughan

**Visitors:** Nil

**Lucky Number:** No Lucky Number

Next General Meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020

A.G.M. – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Minutes of November monthly meeting as published in the January newsletter were approved as correct and accurate

Moved D McKenzie                      Seconded D Hughes

**Carried**

**Correspondence:**

**IN – NEWSLETTERS**

Bribie Island Orchid Society

Caboolture Orchid Society Inc.

Mackay & District Orchid Society Inc.

Nightcliff Orchid Society Inc.

North Queensland Orchid Society Cairns Inc. – December 2019 & February 2020

Noosa and District Orchid Society

Pioneer River Orchid & Plant Assoc. Inc.

Townsville Orchid Society Inc.

Bundaberg Orchid Society – invitation to triennial Field Weekend on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Alice's Orchids 2020 Summer Catalogue

Letter from Darren and Vaso Howard, Geelong in praise of our conference

OQI – next meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in Gympie

- notice of motion regarding Queensland Regional Judging Panel changes

STOCQ – next meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in Gympie

- Receipt for membership to 31/12/2020

Redcliffe District Orchid Society – Show date – 18 & 19 April 2020

Nambour Orchid Society Spring Show 2021 – date changed to Friday & Saturday 27/28 August 2021

Big Colour Works – statements

My State Bank – statements

OrchidWiz 6.1 update and new subscription notice

Orchids Australia magazine

**OUT**

Nil

Read and moved by the secretary that the inward correspondence be accepted, and the outward correspondence endorsed                      Seconded      K Clarke                      **Carried**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Read and moved for acceptance by S Rowcliffe      Seconded      T Ahern      **Carried**

**Growers Group Coordinators Report:** Marg Handley delivered her report. There will be no Grower' Group meeting in January.

**General Business:**

The President, Jeff Bloxsom congratulated Sandra Rowcliffe on her great article regarding our Conference which was published in the January 2020 edition of Orchids Australia.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020 – roster filled at meeting

Bill Richardson moved that the profits from the sausage sizzle and some Society funds, to the value of \$2000, be used to subsidise the triennial trip to Bundaberg.

Seconded      M Maunder

**Carried**

The first trip away will be the triennial trip to Bundaberg on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020. The coach will leave early Saturday morning and return late Sunday afternoon. Secure car parking will be available at Lawrence Motors as usual. Total cost to members will depend on how many members travel by coach.

Jeff Bloxsom advised of the death of member and past President John Alexander.

**Plant Commentary:** John Frisch

**Exhibitor's Raffle:** M Maunder

**General Raffle:** K Clarke, J Moore, T Craig, M Handley, T Breingan, J Glover.

Meeting closed 9.09pm.

Committee meeting at Jeff Bloxsom's residence – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm.

**Next Monthly Meeting and Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**Starts 7.30pm.**

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

**The Australian Orchid Council (AOC)  
is the overall governing body for Orchid Societies in Australia**



**What does the Australian Orchid Council Inc. (AOC) do? It provides:**

- A national forum for the coordination of orchid growing across Australia and resolution of issues;
- A direct voice to clubs in the management of the affairs of the Council;
- Publication of one of the world's best orchid magazines, [Orchids Australia](#), and other cultural books and literature for growers across Australia;
- Operation of this website, providing information and links to other quality sites to the world;
- A unified national judging system granting awards of excellence to growers and not only providing the basis for show judging but in many cases the judges;
- Access to a comprehensive [presentations library](#) of some 180 programs;
- A national group insurance scheme for liability insurance coverage;
- A national focus through the AOC Conservation Director for the conservation of our native orchid species;
- Ability to purchase at significant discount, a range of quality orchid specific products and cultural books for re-sale;
- A quality range of [orchid-specific trophies](#) for use in shows or for awards;
- Coordination and allocation of national conferences and provision of conference medals;
- Opportunity for members to participate in official AOC tours to World Orchid Conferences;
- A national badge symbolizing the unity of our national hobby, for growers to purchase;
- Liaison with Government on national issues of relevance, e.g. CITES;
- Australian point of contact for other international orchid bodies.

**Australian Orchid Council Inc. some history:**

The Australian Orchid Council Inc. of today is a far cry from that founded in 1960. After a number of years of turmoil, a new Constitution was adopted in 1997. Perhaps the most significant changes here were: the State representation at Council being handed to a STRO (State or Territory Representative Organization) with the former State member bodies being termed "Foundation Members" and having equal voting with other clubs in their home state; the introduction of Personal Membership as part of a subscription to Orchids Australia; and the separation of the Regional Judging Panels.

**Foundation Members:**

- Orchid Society of New South Wales Inc.
- Victorian Orchid Club Inc.
- Tasmanian Orchid Society Inc.
- Orchid Society of the Northern Territory Inc.
- Queensland Orchid Society Inc.
- Orchid Society of Western Australia Inc.

- Orchid Club of South Australia Inc.

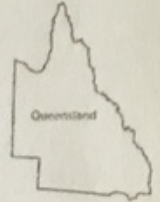
### Queensland's governing body is Orchids Queensland Inc. (OQI)

#### TQOC (Tropical Queensland Orchid Council)

is the peak body of Orchid Societies located north of the Tropic of Capricorn.  
At present there are 14 orchid societies in TQOC.

The objectives of the council are to:

- coordinate activities in Tropical Queensland and to foster close co-operation between Orchid Societies and Associations
- To work in close co-operation with other Orchid Councils
- To disseminate knowledge of orchids



#### STOCQ (Sub-Tropical Orchid Council of Queensland)

covers Queensland from north of the Caboolture River to Rockhampton

Agnes Waters	Hervey Bay
Bribie Island	Maryborough
Bundaberg	Maroochydore
Boyne Tannum	Nambour
Caboolture	Noosa
Childers	Rockhampton
Gladstone	South Burnett
Glasshouse	Sunshine Coast (Caloundra)
Gympie	

Are orchid societies who are at present members of STOCQ

#### The Southern Regional Judging Panel

Covers the South East area of Queensland from south of the Caboolture River to the NSW border and up to Toowoomba

#### STOCQ began in April 1972

Caboolture Orchid Society joined the STOCQ in July 1974.

COS held their 1<sup>st</sup> show in the Methodist Church Hall Beerburrum Road Caboolture on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 1972.

OQI and STOCQ hold meetings several times a year where Orchid Judges and Society Reps get together to discuss different aspect of Council Business and to plan events.

These meetings are hosted by different STOCQ Societies providing a venue for the day, morning tea, lunch, guest speaker etc. Any member of the AOC can attend, you as a Caboolture member can attend these meetings as Caboolture OS are a member of AOC and that automatically makes you a member of the AOC.

STOCQ is where Caboolture OS draw their Judges from to oversee the Annual Winter show and COS thank these Judges very much as judging is all voluntary. These same Judges who are AOC accredited and can Judge anywhere in the world and quite a few have done that. They also are called on to judge and point up orchids for Award Judging. There are two types of shows, STOCQ shows which are officiated by STOCQ Judges and closed shows, like the ones Caboolture has in the Morayfield Shopping Centre, which is only open to Caboolture members. Many other clubs have closed shows as well.

At STOCQ shows the hosting club has a schedule – a guideline to which they ask the show to be judged by. All people who are on OQI and STOCQ committees are volunteers and travel long distances to fulfil these duties.

STOCQ hosts a show/conference/Orchid Fair every 3 years. The last was in Rockhampton in September 2019, the next will be in 2022. These are bigger shows comprising a show, guest speakers etc. They are run by STOCQ societies either by themselves or in combination with other societies to lighten the load. These shows are the showpiece of STOCQ and people travel quite long distances to attend these events.

A lot of what has been written here will not be of importance to some people or help them in any way with orchid culture etc., but to participate within orchid clubs and enjoy shows and the social side of things you need all of this structure and the people who volunteer on the committees of these structures.

**Thank you Russ & Jan Hopkins for supplying this very interesting & informative article on our Orchid Society Family Tree.**



## Species of the Month

The species of the month is *Laelia anceps*. It is endemic to Central America mostly occurring in Mexico extending through to Honduras and Guatemala where it is found growing at elevations up to 1600 meters and down to both the Atlantic and Pacific coastlines. It has a wide and varied habitat growing in both shady and sunny locations such as, on oak trees in wooded forests and on rocks. It is this



wide and varied habitat that makes it considered very easy to cultivate. There are many varieties of this species ranging in colours from deep purples and pinks through to whites with green lips and light yellows and cream shades. The picture above depicts the standard and most wide-ranging variety. It will grow in well drained pots using regular bark and charcoal mixes. However, it is regarded as somewhat of a ‘pot climber’ and requires regular division to keep it tamed. This is why many growers prefer to grow it using slab culture as it will quickly adhere to its host such as, cork or aged hardwood. An example of its adaptability is that it will readily grow on a palm tree. In my Mother in Law’s garden in Park Avenue there is a prime example, a meter square specimen all over the trunk of an Alexander palm tree, which stems from a division I gave her over 30 years ago. It has received much admiration over the years resulting in pieces of this plant making its way around Rocky ; some willingly given away and in some instance via a ‘help yourself approach.’

The inflorescences from *L. Anceps*, can consist of up to 6 flowers and can range in height to 1.2 meters, which can be problematic in a greenhouse. As would be expected it has been used extensively in breeding since its discovery in 1835 and Orchidwiz lists 317 familial (F1) or primary hybrids. Certainly, one to consider for us in Rocky, it is not seen so much in Nursery catalogues these days but still can be found in many older collections.

## R.O.S.1 Growers Group Report

Welcome back to another busy year of indulging our orchid addiction. For our first gathering, we have been invited by one of our newer members, Mary Gillott and her husband Steve, to visit their residence.

Mary has a very small orchid collection but is keen to expand along a latticed area of the patio and also to include orchids in her most attractive back garden. As you will see, Mary is an enthusiastic gardener.

There is no lawn in the backyard. Gardens take up any spare space intersected with paths. Seating will be in covered areas at either end of the garden area and then on the linking patio. Space will be limited but we will squeeze in as best we can. **Please move carefully around the edged garden beds.**

When you arrive, position your chair and then you may wish to check out Mary’s orchids, vege patch and the gardens. As usual bring your hat, sunscreen, folding chair and a small plate of food to share for afternoon tea. Donations are welcome for the raffle.

Hosts: Mary and Steve Gillott

Date: Saturday February 29

Venue: **14 McGrath Street, Norman Gardens.** (Corner of Swain and McGrath Streets)

Time: 2pm

Regards, Margaret Handley

# Dendrobium Types.

by Peter Shelton.

**PHALAEANTHE TYPE.** This type is commonly known as hard canes. This variety is derived from *Den. bigibbum* and *Den. phalaenopsis* and a couple of other species. The name means Moth like and they have a filled in shape. This type of *Den.* needs a warm summer and a dry rest over winter, i.e. Monsoonal conditions. On a judging point of view Phalaenanthe Dens should have an arching inflorescence with flowers aligned on either side.

**SPATULATA TYPE.** Also known as Antelope or Ceratobe because of their twisted petals. These are found from Northern Australia through to the Philippines. They have no real rest period so when you have new growths and new roots you keep watering and fertilizing. *Den. discolor* is one example of this type. One drawback of most of the Spatulata dens. is they grow very tall, 4m or more. Judging the inflorescence may be arching or upright.

**INTERMEDIATE TYPE.** These are the cross between Spatulata and Phalaenanthe types. They may or may not be twisted depending on which parent is the most dominant in breeding. This type is very popular because they grow well and flower several times a year. Most do not require a rest period in the growing season. One example is *Den. x superbiens* which is a natural hybrid between *Den. bigibbum* and *Den. discolor*. The Singapore orchids which florists sell are mainly intermediate Dens.

**MINI ANTELOPE HYBRIDS.** These are a hybrid between the large Spatulata and our Australian native miniature orchids, such as *Den. canaliculatum. carronii* and *johannis*. These hybrids may be heavily twisted to very little twist. *Den. carronii* adds pink to its progeny whereas, *Den. canaliculatum* and *johannis* are mainly yellow and browns. One of the best known hybrids is *Den. Gloucester Sands* which is a cross between *Den. discolor* and *Den. canaliculatum*. This type tends to grow all the year round so they require water and fertiliser all year round. Mature plants are very rarely out of flower. On a judging point of view the inflorescence can be arching or upright. The arrangement and colour are the main aspects.

**EUGEANANTHE TYPE.** More commonly known as soft canes. These plants are mainly derived from *Den. nobile* which is endemic to the foothills of the Himalayas northern Borneo and Thailand. They require monsoonal type weather. I water every day from the beginning of November to the end of March and from then on only enough to stop the canes from shriveling. These orchids are deciduous and the flowers appear from nodes along the canes. If given plenty of light during winter you should get flowers along the full length of the canes. Judges are very hard on Eugeananthe Dens as the standards require flowers all the way round the cane and from top to bottom.

**LATOUREA TYPE.** Otherwise known as New Guinea Dens. Examples are *Den. spectabile*, *atroviolaceum* and *macrophyllum*. Growing these depends on whether the species come from the highlands or the coastal areas of New Guinea. A lot of these produce flowers that nod to stop the pollen from getting wet and consequently washing out but I personally feel that hybridisers shouldn't be using them in breeding programs as there are enough that don't have this fault.

**AUSTRALIAN NATIVE TYPES.** There are both warm and cool growing varieties and lots of hybrids between hot and cool. I feel that *Den. speciosum* is one of the best orchids in the world but it has the fault of flower longevity.

**INDIAN TYPES.** Dens, *pierardii*, *macrophyllum*, *thysiflorum* etc, etc, all tend to flower in the spring on pendulous racemes. Growing conditions are similar to Eugeananthe types.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2019

I have great pleasure in presenting my report for another great year for our Society

As with previous years our Society has enjoyed a very successful and prosperous year, and I might say one of our busiest years to date. To kick the year off we had a trip to Gladstone in March for the Triennial field weekend held each year between the CQ Orchid Societies. Gladstone certainly put on a weekend to remember with great venues, food and collections we visited. This year it is Bundaberg's turn to host the weekend on the 4/5th April. These weekends are certainly proving popular as our coach is almost full with around 52 members participating.

Our Autumn and Spring Shows are always successful being the main events on our calendar. Our Autumn Show in April was a great lead up to our major event of the year which we were hosting; the STOCQ Orchid-fest Conference and Show to be held in September. This was the first time a STOCQ conference was held this far north and a first for our Society. After much deliberation over the previous year in seeking out a suitable venue for the Conference, it was decided to hold it at Korte's Resort, Parkhurst. This complex proved to be an excellent venue. The ability of the conference centre to be divided for the show displays and the vendors area was just perfect. The official dinner at The Heritage Village proved to be a wonderful night. It was a great pleasure to be able to have our new patron Counsellor Neil Fisher attend the event and help in the presentation of the Trophies and prizes for the Conference at the dinner. It has been many years since our Society has had a patron and when Neil was approached earlier this year to take on the position he was exceptionally happy to do so. Neil has been asked to continue as our Patron and he is very pleased to take the position again. I could continue on about the huge success of the STOCQ conference we hosted, but I am sure you all know what a great event this turned out to be. We have received many letters of congratulation on the success of the Show and Conference.

This year we also started to do some sausage sizzles at Bunnings. This was mainly to help raise funds for the Conference. We held 3 in total for the year and they proved very popular and financially successful. We have decided to continue with some sausage sizzles this year to help in sponsoring any trips away we might undertake.

Our Growers Group which is held the Saturday after our General Meetings has only become bigger and better. Many of our members who can't attend the night meetings come along to these meetings.

Yet again our Christmas Break-up presentation night was held at the Frenchville Sports Club with over 200 of our members attending. A great night was had by all.

It has been many years since our Society has awarded a Life Membership to a member. The last one was given to Bill Richardson in 2007. This year Life Membership was awarded to Barry and Faye English for their long and continued support and service to our Society.

It was very sad to say goodbye to one of our longest serving and most respected members, Brian Weaver early in the year. Brian is survived by his lovely wife Lorraine who still greets everyone at the door at our General Meetings. Likewise, it was a sad time for the society with past President John Alexander also passing away recently.

To thank everyone for the many and varied things they do for the society would take up many pages, so a personal thank you to one and all. Our Society is a very successful and progressive society, and this is due to all of you, our members.

My personal thanks to all of my executive and committee members who have helped and supported me throughout this special busy year. I am very proud to be able to say that I am the longest serving President since the society's inception and to have held the presidency now for a continuous 22 years. The only other President who held this position long-term. 15

years to be precise was our inaugural president Allen Stenlake. Over these years I have seen our Society grow and prosper and become the great society it is today. So, keep on doing what you enjoy the most, growing these magical, wonderful Orchids, and participate and support the many varied and great events our Club organises. In closing I would just like to wish all members a healthy, happy and prosperous year.

Jeff Bloxsom President.

## *General Cultural Guide January /March*

### **ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY INC. 2020 AGM NOMINATION**

<b>* Information is general in nature and given in good faith.</b>	<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 Softcane</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.

**FORM FOR EXECUTIVE POSITIONS**

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 – 2020**

**Your annual fees are due to be paid by the Annual General Meeting  
 25/02/2020**

Fees can now be direct deposited by Electronic Funds Transfer or by Bank Deposit into our  
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## Monthly Competition Results – January 2020.

(Plants tabled: Advanced 55; Novice 7)

### Judges Choice.

*Aerdv.* Luang Prabang

*Den.* Buddy Brown

*Cyc. barthiorum* 'Pink Dove'

J&M Bloxsom

Jenkins & Kuhl

T&M Handley

### Popular Vote, Advanced

Cattleya over 100mm

*Rlc.* Chief Journey

T&M Handley

Cattleya up to 100mm *Lc.* Tempixque x *C. walkeriana*

'Capricorn's Apple Jack'

J&S Frisch

Vandaceous over 65mm

*V.* Super Cooper

M.Richardson

Vandaceous up to 65mm

*Aerdv.* Luang Prabang

J&M Bloxsom

Dendrobium

(tie)

*Den.* White Fairy

Jenkins & Kuhl

(tie)

*Den.* Children of Emmaron

J&S Frisch

Catasetinae

*Cyc.* Caloundra Dawn

T&M Handley

Species

(tie)

*Cyc. barthiorum* 'Pink Dove'

T&M Handley

(tie)

*Gram. scriptum* f. *citrinum*

G&M Maunder

Miscellaneous

*Onc.* Sweet Sugar

K&R Smith

### Novice

Cattleya over 100mm

*Lc.* Mini Purple X *C.* Deception Drop

D.MacKenzie

Cattleya up to 100mm *Bc.* Binosa 'Kirk'

D.MacKenzie

Miscellaneous

*Den.* Burana Jade 'Thingchai'

D&L Humble

*Aerdv.* Luang Prabang



*Cyc. barthiorum* 'Pink Dove'



*Den.* Buddy Brown

## **SHOW DATES FOR 2020**

As supplied by John Rees

30-31<sup>st</sup> March: Childers IDOS closed show

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March: TIOS show, Tainan Taiwan

9<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> March: WOC23 Taichung, Taiwan

28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> March: Boyne Tannum OS show, St. Francis primary school, Tannum Sands. Set up 27<sup>th</sup>.

10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> April: Bribie Island OS show with set up 9<sup>th</sup>

10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April: Gladstone O&FS show with set up after 5PM on 9<sup>th</sup> and judging 7AM 10<sup>th</sup>.

17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> April: Sunshine Coast OS Uniting Church hall, cnr. Ulm & Queen; set up 16<sup>th</sup>.

18<sup>th</sup> April: South Burnett OS show, RSL hall Wondai, set up early, judging 8AM, doors open 9AM.

18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> April Rockhampton OS

30<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> May: Caboolture OS Show (closed)

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, May: Gympie ADOS show as part of Garden Expo, showgrounds Southside; set up Friday 1<sup>st</sup>.

8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May: Bundaberg OS show, Civic Centre; set up 7<sup>th</sup>.

10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020: Noosa DO&FS Mothers' Day show (closed) CWA hall

6<sup>th</sup> June: STOCQ meeting hosted by CIDOS

24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> July: Caboolture OS show, Community Centre behind Bunnings, Morayfield; set up 23<sup>rd</sup>.

7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> August: Maroochydore OS show Buderim Uniting Church hall with set up 6<sup>th</sup>.

8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> August: Agnes Water O&FS show, Agnes Water Community Centre; set up 7<sup>th</sup>.

4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> September: Childers & IDOS show with set up 3<sup>rd</sup>.

4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> September: Nambour OS spring show; set up 3<sup>rd</sup>.

17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> September: Maryborough & DOS set up 16<sup>th</sup>

18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> September Noosa DO&FS Spring Show, Cooroy Memorial Hall Setup 17<sup>th</sup>

26-27<sup>th</sup> September Rockhampton OS

25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> September" Glasshouse Country OS show with set up 24<sup>th</sup> at 2PM.

25<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> September: Hervey Bay OS show with set up Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>, 2PM.

9<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup> October: Bribie Island OS show with set up 8<sup>th</sup> October.

14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> October: Caboolture OS mini show (closed)

23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> October: Nambour OS species show; set up 22<sup>nd</sup>.

14<sup>th</sup> November 2020: STOCQ meeting hosted by SBOS

1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021: AOC conference and show, Crestmead, Brisbane

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25-2-2019 ROSI AGM

See Attached List

23<sup>rd</sup> World Orchid Conference Taichung,  
Taiwan  
March 9-12<sup>th</sup> March 2020

#### **ROS Autumn Show 18-19<sup>th</sup> April**

AOC Conference & Show 'For the Love of  
Orchids'  
2021 , 1-5 September Logan Metro Sports &  
Events Centre

#### **ROS Spring Show 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> September**

2023 September , 24<sup>th</sup> World Orchid  
Conference Perth

### **Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.**

[www.rockhamptonorchidsociety.com.au](http://www.rockhamptonorchidsociety.com.au)

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

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