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Newsletter January 2020

Editor's Notes

Happy New Year to all members and their families. Yes, that is 2020 for the date on the Newsletter Masthead. Hands up if you're having trouble writing it already; it is certainly going to take some getting used to that. With the New Year for Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc. comes what some would say is the most important meeting of the year, the Annual General Meeting on February 25th. This year will see a return to 'normal' after our busy previous 2 years in the preparation for what was our very successful staging of the STOC Orchidfest last September. Some committee members have already indicated their intention to stand down from their current positions. Here is your chance to nominate, it is good for any organization to have 'new blood' infused from time to time and it gives those who always continue on in one capacity or another to take a break if they wish. Nomination Forms are included in this Newsletter. Likewise, it also heralds annual subscriptions; our subscriptions would be one of the best bargains going, they don't even cover the cost of processing the Newsletter not to mention the subsidies given to members each year. You can pay your fees at the AGM or use the direct debit process. Forms and details of direct debit methods are included with the Newsletter. If you choose Direct Debit make sure you put your surname or club number on the bank transfer so Treasurer Sandra knows who has paid.

What is ahead for us for the New Year? Our first major event is the visit to Bundaberg Orchid Society on the 4-5th April as it is their turn to host the triennial visit. These trips are always a great time and many plants change hands. Likewise, catching up with long-time friends from both the Gladstone-Area and Bundy societies makes for a great weekend. Details will be discussed at January's meeting. Our annual Autumn and Spring shows as usual have been set in place; in addition, the monthly Growers Saturday afternoon sessions remained very popular last year and I am sure will be looked forward to again this year with an agenda of visits most likely already in the making. A list of Show Dates for this year is also included in this Newsletter. So, there is plenty to look forward to and of course whatever the members can suggest for the remainder of the year.

Our 2019 Xmas Party and Awards Night at the Frenchville Club was well patronized by members with over 100 in attendance. This year we enjoyed the company of our new patron Rockhampton Regional Councillor Neil Fisher and wife Sherrie. Our huge raffle was as popular as usual with over \$2000 in plants on offer; pleasingly Neil was one of the lucky winners to add some plants to his collection. A selection of pictures from the evening are also included in the Newsletter

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Growers' Tip

Now with the festive season in the rear-view mirror and New Year personal resolutions at the fore, perhaps it is also time to take stock and make some orchid-resolutions. One in particular of which I have written about previously is on the subject of 'Regularity'. When I first started in orchids a very successful and world-renowned orchid breeder and grower once told me that his key to success was, "that I never water my orchids". After seeing my puzzled look, he said, "go away and think about it". Have you got the cryptic answer? I should say like with crosswords, it's on the back page.

Yes, every time he watered it contained fertilizer so in effect he only fertilized. Everyone will not be as dedicated as that, but it is the 'magic' that seems to be the elusive secret that many growers obsess over, and inevitably ask; "how do they grow their orchids so well?"

Regular fertilizer and **regular** cultural practices are all it takes to grow better orchids. Personally, as my memory dims; which I am assured is quite normal as age progresses, I have adopted the use of a small white-board

mounted in our garden shed to note the date of my fertilizer and spraying routines. These can be purchased from outlets such as Officeworks. I am sure you will be amazed as much as I was as to how long the periods actually are between applications.

So, my orchid tip for the New Year is to become 'Regular'. ☺ ☺

Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.

General Meeting Tuesday 26TH NOVEMBER 2019

Attendance: As per register – Patron Neil Fisher in attendance

Apologies: As per register

New Members: Nil

Visitors: Nil

Lucky Number: 42 Ken O'Brien

Next General Meeting – 28th January 2020

A.G.M. – 25th February 2020

Autumn Show – 18th & 19th April 2020

Spring Show – 26th & 27th September 2020

Triennial Weekend in Bundaberg – 4th & 5th April 2020. Trip will be subsidised.

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

Moved Y Manning Seconded P Rankin **Carried**

Correspondence:

IN – NEWSLETTERS

Blackwater & District Orchid & Foliage Club Inc. – November & December

Bribie Island Orchid Society

Caboolture Orchid Society Inc. – November & December

Childers & Isis District Orchid Society Inc.

Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society Inc.

Gympie & District Orchid Society Inc.

Mackay & District Orchid Society Inc.

Mid-Murray Orchid Club Inc.

Nightcliff Orchid Society Inc.

Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Society Inc.

North Queensland Orchid Society Cairns Inc.

Pioneer River Orchid & Plant Assoc. Inc.

The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Inc.

Townsville Orchid Society Inc.

STOCQ – Minutes of meeting at Bribie Island on 16/11/19: Nomination forms for election to management committee for 2020.

Registrar's Report – November 2019

Account for 2020 affiliation fees

OQI – Minutes of meeting at Bribie Island on 16/11/19

22nd Australian Orchid Council Conference & Show 2021 – email from Ken Haase thanking ROSI for donation of \$500.00 towards the conference & show.

Application to join ROSI from Dr David Vaughan who has recently transferred to CQU from Townsville

An inquiry regarding joining our society from Tony Harold who is retiring to Yeppoon. (previously member of Maryborough and Caboolture clubs)
My State Bank – statement

OUT

Email to Ken Haase, Vice Chair of 22nd AOCC & Show Planning Committee offering \$500.00 contribution.

Read and moved by the secretary that the inward correspondence be accepted, and the outward correspondence endorsed Seconded J Glover **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.

General Business:

Christmas Party – 6.30pm for 7.00pm at Frenchville Club on Sunday 8th December.
Multidraw raffle, Lucky Door prizes and Lucky Spot at each table.

Bunnings Ladies Night – Thursday 28th November

Donation for prize – \$50 worth of orchids

Moved K Marsden Seconded M Richardson **Carried**

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle - Friday 21st February 2020 – accepted

Keith Marsden Thanked Terry and Gwen Breingan for hosting the end of year BBQ on 16th November

43 members attended.

Award Certificates from judging at the conference were presented to Jeff Bloxsom.

Plant Commentary: John Frisch

Exhibitor's Raffle: There was no exhibitor's raffle

General Raffle: T March, D Schneider, R Wines, J Hogan, K O'Brien, J Bloxsom, G Breingan, M Richardson, K Marsden

Meeting closed 8.50pm.

There will be no committee meeting.

Monthly Competition Results – October 2019. (Plants tabled: Advanced 40; Novice 29)

Judges Choice.

<i>Van.</i> Pine Rivers ‘Narangbah’	W&M Richardson
<i>Den.</i> Mangosteen	J&S Frisch
<i>Brs.</i> Eternal Wind	K&R Smith

Popular Vote.

Cattleya over 100m.	<i>Ctyh. (Eplc.)</i> Merry Green	T&M Handley
Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>Gct. (Ctna.)</i> Wht Not Walk	W&M Richardson
Vandaceous over 65mm	<i>V.</i> Super Cooper	J&M Bloxsom
Vandaceous up to 65mm	<i>Van.</i> Pine Rivers ‘KBR’	J&M Bloxsom
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> Gold Mine	J&S Frisch
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph.</i> Susan Booth	K&R Smith
Phalaenopsis	<i>Phal.</i> Sinica Sunday	T&M Handley
Oncidiinae	<i>Brs.</i> Eternal Wind	K&R Smith
Miscellaneous	<i>Psh. trulla</i>	T.Dean

Novice.

Cattleya		<i>Rlc.</i> Chief Journey ‘First Class’	Y.Manning
Phalaenopsis		<i>Phal.</i> Chian Xen Violin	K.Bauman
Oncidiinae	tie	<i>Ons. (Odcdm.)</i> Catatante	Jenkins/ Kuhl
	tie	<i>Tolu.</i> Swan’s Verdict	Jenkins /kuhl
Miscellaneous		<i>Oip.</i> Mem. Martin Orenstein	Jenkins / Kuhl



***Van.* Pine Rivers ‘Narangbah’**



***Den.* Mangosteen**



***Brs.* Eternal Wind**

ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

MONTHLY MEETING – ANNUAL COMPETITION RULES

The monthly popular vote competition is divided into two groups.

ADVANCED and **NOVICE**

Upon joining the society, if you have had no experience in growing orchids – you will be placed in the novice group. If you have had extensive previous experience in orchid culture – you will be placed in the advanced group. The winner of the novice group each year will automatically advance to the advanced section. If you are still in the novice section after a period of 10 years membership you will also automatically advance to the advanced section. Plants are tabled in both the advanced and novice groups under the following sections:

ADVANCED: SECTIONS

CATTLEYA –OVER 100mm, CATTLEYA – UP TO 100mm, VANDACEOUS – OVER 65mm. VANDACEOUS – UP TO 65mm DENDROBIUM, ONCIDIINAE, PAPHIOPEDILUM, SPECIES (All Genera), PHALAENOPSIS, MISCELLANEOUS, CATASETINAE.

NOVICE: SECTIONS

CATTLEYA – OVER 100mm, CATTLEYA – UP TO 100mm, VANDACEOUS DENDROBIUM, SPECIES, (All Genera) ONCIDIINAE, MISCELLANEOUS.

Plants must be owned and grown by the member for at least **SIX MONTHS** prior to being tabled at a meeting. Each section requires a minimum of three plants, except in the miscellaneous section. In the event of a section not having three plants, then, if in any of the two Cattleya sections, or any of the two Vandaceous sections they are combined, in any other section they are moved to miscellaneous. On recommendation from the registrar and at the discretion of the Executive Committee, sections may be increased or altered to suit flowing orchids tabled.

POPULAR VOTE COMPETITION. A grower is awarded one point for tabling a plant or plants – on a popular vote by all members – a point is awarded to each winner in each section. The member with the greatest number of points for the year is the winner. In the event of a draw the grower with the greater number of plants tabled for the year shall be declared the winner.

JUDGES CHOICE COMPETITION

Judges will include all judges and associate judges present on the night who are willing to participate in a judging team led by the most senior or experienced judge in attendance. Each month the team will select three plants from all tabled (Advanced and Novice) as being the outstanding blooms of the night. The grower receiving the greatest number of points (1 per selected plant) for the year shall be declared the winner. In the event of a draw the grower with the greater number of plants tabled for the year shall be declared the winner.

COMPETITION PRIZES.

In winning a voting section or judge's choice at each monthly meeting, cash prizes of \$5-00 per popular vote winner and \$10-00 per Judges Choice will be presented at the annual Christmas function-presentation night held by the ROSI. A perpetual trophy as well as a smaller trophy to keep will be awarded to the winners of the advanced and novice popular vote competition and the member gaining the most points in the Judges choice competition during the year.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT TROPHY

Competition for this trophy commences December 1st and closes November 30th of the following year.

This trophy is awarded to the member/owner of a plant receiving the highest award/points for an orchid. The highest award being an award from the AOC – STOCQ then followed by a ROSI club award. In the case where no plants had been awarded for the year then the trophy will go to the best prize winner of an orchid state conference/ROSI show in that order. In the case of a draw the trophy will be shared and also be presented at our annual Christmas/Presentation night. (The allocation of the trophy in this section may be changed pending a decision by the ROSI executive members.)

BEST ORCHID EXHIBITOR – ROSI – AUTUMN/SPRING SHOWS.

This trophy is awarded to the member who acquires the most points for plants exhibited at our combined two annual shows. Points are awarded as follows: 2pts for a first and 1pt for a second regardless of that plant attaining a major prize at the show.

NOTE:

To enter any of the above competitions you must be an active member of the ROSI and have attended a least (3) official functions of the ROSI. This includes monthly meetings, ROSI workshops or show.

**Next Monthly Meeting Tuesday ^{28th} January 2020
Starts 7.30pm.**

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

Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc. Year Competition Results 2019

Advanced Growers	Popular Vote Results				Judges Choice	Best Show Exhibitor	
	Plants Tabled	No. of Meetings	Popular Votes	Total Points		Autumn Show	Spring Show
T&M Handley	85	10	17	27	3	4	
K&R Smith	56	8	16	24	4	8	
J&S Frisch	44	9	14.5	23.5	5	6	
J&M Bloxsom	64	9	8	17		7	
T.Dean	20	10	4	14	1	15	
M&S Rowcliffe	35	8	5	13	2	4	
W&M Richardson	31	8	4	12	4	4	
T.March		8	3.5	11.5	1	3	
J&N Glover	26	7	5	12	3		
B&N Lakey	17	7	3.5	10.5		3	
R.Wines	37	7	1	8		2	
C.Christensen	8	7		7	2		
L.Lucke	15	7		7			
J.Hogan	12	7		7			
P&T Jenkinson	11	5	1.5	6.5	1	7	
P&J Moore	13	3	1	4			
G&M Maunder	9	4		4			
T&J Rawlings	5	3		3			
B.Hilse	2	2		2			
T.Craig	2	1		1			
J.Scott						19	
NOVICE							
Jenkins / Kuhl	88	10	18	28	3	2	
D&L Humble	32	9	12	21	1	1	
Y F Manning	32	10	2	12			
P.Rankin	13	8		8			
Z.Kidman	14	6	1	7			
K.Baunan	7	5	2	7			
D.MacKenzie	9	4	2	6			
M.Kydd	13	5		5			
D.Hughes	3	2	1	3			
K.Adsett	1	1	1	2			
K.Clarke	1	1	1	2			

J&D Schneider	1	1	1		
Gibson / Veinotte	2	1	1		
M.Gillott	1	1	1		
J.Howes	1	1	1		
B&L Andrews	1	1	1		

Outstanding Achievements.	29.11.18	T.March -- Den. Tommy Beauty 'Elannah' HCC/AOC 76.5 points
	13.9.19	J&M Bloxsom -- Den. Hawaii Spectular 'Marilyn' HCC-ACC/AOC 79.3 points
	04.10.19	J&N Glover -- Paph. Michale Koopowitz 'Krisett' AM/AOC 81.points
	04.10.19	J&M Bloxsom -- Cym. Australian Midnight 'Thelma Jean' HCC/AOC 78

- Popular Vote Trophy - Advanced :- T&M Handley 27 points**
- Popular Vote Trophy - Novice :- Jenkins/ Kuhl 28 points.**
- Judges Choice Trophy J&S Frisch 5 points.**
- Best Show Exhibitor Trophy:- J.Scott 45 points.**
- Outstanding Achievement Trophy :- J&N Glover -- AM/AOC**

Species of the Month



The species of the month this year is *Oncidium (Trichocentrum) lanceanum*. It is perhaps most recognized as the type species of the group of *Oncidium* colloquially known as the 'Mule Ear' varieties. Once seen the name becomes very apparent due to the shape of the leaves and in consideration of where it comes from, i.e. Central America and Northern South America, with the widespread use of mules present and past, it is quite an apt sobriquet. It can grow into a large specimen plant; however, it is easily divided by

nature of its rambling growth habit. The large leathery leaves make the orchid seem as if it has no pseudobulbs but these are very small stemming from the rhizome from which the leaf is attached. It can be difficult to keep it in its pot and, in my experience, it grows very well using slab culture. Portuguese cork is by far the superior medium, while seasoned hardwood slabs are also good hosts. It is a moderate feeder and likes a defined rest period during winter. The inflorescence that can hold up to 20 waxy and perfumed flowers that appear in spring through to summer. It grows very well in CQ and worth having in your collection if not just for the pretty lavender/ purple and brown flowers, but also for its novelty shaped foliage.



**ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY INC. AGM NOMINATION 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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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)

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General Cultural Guide January /March

<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 Softcane	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.

Bunnings BBQ

The first fundraising BBQ for the year will be on Friday 21st February . President Jeff Bloxson will discuss this at the forthcoming January meeting; calling for volunteers etc, as it will be before our February meeting.

SHOW DATES FOR 2020

As supplied by John Rees

8th February 2020: STOCQ AGM in Gympie.
30-31st March: Childers IDOS closed show
5th and 6th March: TIOS show, Tainan Taiwan
9th -15th March: WOC23 Taichung, Taiwan
28th, 29th March: Boyne Tannum OS show, St. Francis primary school, Tannum Sands. Set up 27th.
10th, 11th April: Bribie Island OS show with set up 9th
10th – 12th April: Gladstone O&FS show with set up after 5PM on 9th and judging 7AM 10th.
17th, 18th April: Sunshine Coast OS Uniting Church hall, cnr. Ulm & Queen; set up 16th.
18th April: South Burnett OS show, RSL hall Wondai, set up early, judging 8AM, doors open 9AM.
18th-19th April Rockhampton OS
30th April – 2nd May: Caboolture OS Show (closed)
2nd, 3rd, May: Gympie ADOS show as part of Garden Expo, showgrounds Southside; set up Friday 1st.
8th – 10th May: Bundaberg OS show, Civic Centre; set up 7th.
10th, 11th May 2020: Noosa DO&FS Mothers' Day show (closed) CWA hall
6th June: STOCQ meeting hosted by CIDOS
24th -26th July: Caboolture OS show, Community Centre behind Bunnings, Morayfield; set up 23rd.
7th, 8th August: Maroochydore OS show Buderim Uniting Church hall with set up 6th.
8th, 9th August: Agnes Water O&FS show, Agnes Water Community Centre; set up 7th.
4th, 5th September: Childers & IDOS show with set up 3rd.
4th, 5th September: Nambour OS spring show; set up 3rd.
17th -19th September: Maryborough & DOS set up 16th
18th 19th September Noosa DO&FS Spring Show, Cooroy Memorial Hall Setup 17th
26-27th September Rockhampton OS
25th, 26th September" Glasshouse Country OS show with set up 24th at 2PM.
25th -27th September: Hervey Bay OS show with set up Thursday 24th, 2PM.
9th- 10th October: Bribie Island OS show with set up 8th October.
14th-17th October: Caboolture OS mini show (closed)
23rd, 24th October: Nambour OS species show; set up 22nd.
14th November 2020: STOCQ meeting hosted by SBOS
1st – 5th September 2021: AOC conference and show, Crestmead, Brisbane

XMAS Party/Awards Pics

As well as the yearly competition awards; several milestone membership awards were also presented. In addition; in what was a well-kept secret President Jeff Bloxsom was also given a special presentation in appreciation for his efforts in organizing Orchidfest.





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Your Orchid Diary

25-2-2019 ROSI AGM

See Attached List

23rd World Orchid Conference Taichung,
Taiwan
March 9-12th March 2020

ROS Autumn Show 18-19th April

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

ROS Spring Show 26th-27th September

2023 September , 24th World Orchid
Conference Perth

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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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