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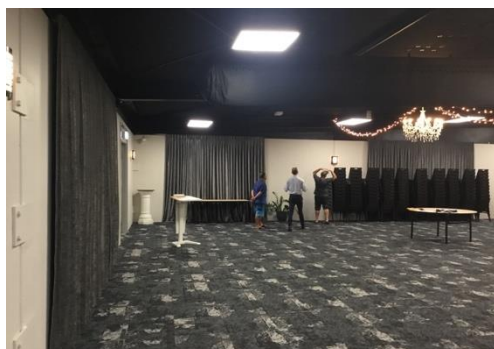
### **Editor's Notes**

The weather certainly has been changeable lately; this can be problematic for orchid growers for the all-important decision of 'weather' to water or not. 'Many orchids have met their demise through overwatering rather than under watering.' For growers starting a collection it is an old adage that is well worth remembering.

Like many society members, I belong to some Orchid Growers groups on Facebook; I find these very enjoyable and are a great platform to share one's pleasure gained from the hobby, whether it is from simply posting pictures of your recent blooms, purchases, or sharing cultural tips and getting advice for problematic plants. However, one recent post took my eye, it's a particular hobby horse of mine, in that the person posted a request for the correct pronunciation of 'Cattleya'. It is a much-construed term in the Orchidworld. I always tell people to remember this 'Cattle do not lay eggs' so it is definitely not "Cattle - layer" nor is it anything to do with their ears, so it is not "Cattle- e- ars". The name comes from William Cattley a famous British horticulturalist for whom the first plant discovered was named. Hence, it is pronounced, "Catt-ley-a". Rant over! ☺. We now also have our own site on Facebook, thanks to Doug Chippendale who is the administrator; to whom you apply to be able to post, check it out at Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.

You can also find updates and information on what is now looming ever closer, the Rocky Round Up Orchidfest 2019 on the Facebook site. The committee has been working continuously with a post-out of information satchels to over 30 Orchid and Foliage clubs not affiliated with the STOC; ranging from Northern NSW and the Gold Coast through to Cairns and Darwin, recently completed. Registrations have been steady, but they are expected to increase as the August 1<sup>st</sup> cut off approaches. Likewise, the layout of the complex has been finalised so a formal plan for the placement of the Plants/Displays and the vendors locations will be issued soon. Information for members is attached separately to this Newsletter.

Jeff Glover



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Team

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### Growers' Tip

My grower's tip this month is about 'records' no, I don't mean the vinyl, LP's 78 and 45 type. Keeping records about your orchids can be very valuable from a culture point of view. It can be as simple as keeping account of your repotting activities by placing an 'R' for re-potted and the date on the name tag. This simple piece of record keeping is very important for success with genera such as, Paphiopedilum which are very intolerant of potting medium break down and like to be re-potted every 18months to two years.

Many growers of course already do follow this simple routine, while others take record keeping to the next level. Purchase date, from whom and cost, flowering dates, pictures and sales of divisions for instance, are all kept. With the advent of specific orchid' data bases such as, Orchidwiz which has a 'journal feature', recording of your orchid collection has been made a lot easier.

Recording is a key component for those contemplating doing some hybridization of their own. Mostly a plant tag is used and tied to

the seed-pod developing orchid-parent; which records what 'pollen' parent plant was used to make the cross and of course the date when made. Some hybridizers use their own codes which are then kept in a book or electronic database. So, you can see that 'records' are a very important but an often-overlooked component of successful orchid culture. **Jeff Glover**



**Treasurer's Report:**

Read and moved for acceptance by S Rowcliffe  
**Carried**

Seconded Y Manning

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

**General Business:**

**Hall:** The Rockhampton Presbyterian Church sent an email to say that the sale of the Hall had been delayed and included an invoice for another six month's rent. However, a second email has been received indicating that things are moving more quickly, and finalisation of the sale is expected fairly soon. The invoice therefore has not been paid.

**Sausage sizzle:** The sausage sizzle at Bunnings was a great success. We have been offered another one on Friday 2/8/19.

**Conference:** We have had indications from three Orchid Societies that they will each do a display at our conference.

We hope to know by the end of June if we have obtained a grant from The Rockhampton Regional Council and how much it will be.

The design of the prize ribbons for the conference has been finalised. The ribbons should be ready soon

**Plant Commentary:** Jeff Glover

**Exhibitor's Raffle:** There was no exhibitor raffle this month

**General Raffle:** Z Kidman, T 1dean x 2, R Wines, N Lakey, J Rawlings, D Hughes, T Mitchell

Meeting closed at 9.16 pm.



**Tony March and Jeff Bloxsom 'measure-up' for Orchidfest at Korte's Resort**

**General Cultural Guide April/June.**

<i>* Information is general in nature and given in good faith.</i>	<b>Watering/Weekly</b>	<b>Fertilizer/Weekly</b>	<b>Pest/Disease Control</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Cattleya</b>	2-3times 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.
<b>Dendrobium Hard cane</b>		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.
<b>Dendrobium Softcane</b>	Once to twice weekly	Cease fertilizer		If fertilizer is applied from now on, plantlets will form rather than flowers
<b>Phalaenopsis</b>	2-3 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.
<b>Vandaceous</b>	Water daily in hot weather 2-3 days if cooler	Balanced fertilizer if still in growth Cease if weather cools	Flower Thrips Yates Success or Pyrethrum on buds	
<b>Oncidium</b>	In hot weather, every 2 days if cooler2-3	Balanced fertilizer if still in growth Cease if weather cools		
<b>Paphiopedilums</b>	Every 2 days in hot weather. 2-3 times weekly in cooler weather.	Balanced fertilizer	Preventative Fungicide if wet cooler weather Mancozeb	
<b>Catasetinae</b>	2-3 times weekly	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 <sup>25th</sup> June  
Starts 7.30pm.**

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

The weather was a little unkind for our Growers Group at Rosemary Wines residence on June 1. It truly was the beginning of winter with light showers, decreasing temperature and a nippy wind. Fortunately, most of us were able to fit into Rosemary's carport and the afternoon tea was accommodated on the back patio. Rosemary had quite a few flowering orchids in her orchid house and she described how she keeps records of her orchids and advised members on ways of decluttering in the orchid house. She listed options available for selling or donating orchid excess. Thank you, Rosemary, for hosting our afternoon.

The main topic of the day was Bulbophyllums. After a quick introduction, I handed over to our Guest Speaker, Keith Marsden who showed us several ways of potting the cuttings that had been donated by Terry Dean. Members then had the chance of winning Bulb. ambrosia, Bulb. lepidum, Bulb. medusae and Bulb. Melanie Shelnutt Collier in the raffle. Thanks to Terry for his donation and we gained several new potting techniques from Keith. Many thanks to Keith. The orchid discussed as a possible addition to any Wish List was Jkf. Appleblossom. Although I only had photos of this orchid, members will be assured to see some at our September show.

Our next outing will be on **Saturday June 29 at the residence of Jenny and Peter Moore, 5 Craigilee St, The Range at 2pm.** Craigilee Street is a 'Dead End' street so it is best to park in Spencer Street.

Please bring a chair, hat and plate of food to share for afternoon tea. Donations to the raffle table are always welcome. Looking forward to seeing you.

Margaret Handley

### **Species of the Month**

The species of the month is *Phaius tankervilleae*.



It is quite widely cultivated in CQ and was once found in the Byfield area. This can be a hint as to where it prefers to grow and why its colloquial name is the 'Swamp Orchid'. It was once widespread throughout Queensland especially in North and Far North Qld. It is a terrestrial orchid and likes swampy/marsh type situations such as the margins of rainforests and paper-bark forests. One source maintains it was also once found in areas of coastal Northern NSW but over-collecting and habitat destruction has it declared extinct from this State. It is also extensively found throughout the tropical areas

of Asia, New Guinea, and the tropical Pacific Islands where it is seen in many varieties and forms, including an alba variety. It is adaptable and highly prolific given the right conditions, as has been shown in Hawaii where it is regarded by many as being native, although definitely introduced. It produces tall spikes with up to 16 showy flowers in Spring, but unfortunately, they are relatively short lived with 7-10 days being the average lifespan. It can be grown in a terrestrial orchid mix such as, a commercial Cymbidium mix with an additional handful of peat added to retain moisture. It enjoys a rest from watering over the winter months but is a heavier feeder requiring lots of water and fertilizer in Spring to Summer to achieve its full potential. Its large thin leaves make it susceptible to the scourge of many orchids; spider mites, which can be controlled by appropriate miticides. In addition, the leaves can easily suffer sun damage on hot days. Remember it can grow into very large plants, but well worth it if you have the room for what can now be considered an exclusive 'Queenslander'.

Jeff Glover

### **Monthly Competition Results June 2019**

(Plants tabled: Advanced 43; Novice 23.)

Judges Choice.

*Cycd.* Jumbo Puff  
*Brsdm.* Longlen 'Bill Switzer'  
*Den.* Burana Stripe

M&S Rowcliffe  
 T&M Handley  
 D&M Humble

Popular Vote – Advanced.

Cattleya over 100mm  
 Cattleya up to 100mm  
 Vandaceous over 65mm  
 Vandaceous up to 65mm  
 Dendrobium (tie)  
 (tie)

*Rlc.* Chia Lin 'New City'  
*Rlc.* Focus Taiwan 'Orchis'  
*V.* Crownfox Diva  
*Prra.* Bangkok Sunset x *V.* Mahogany Gem  
*Den.* Wonder Nishii  
*Den.* Children of Emmaron  
*Cycd.* Jumbo Puff  
*Brsdm.* Longlen 'Bill Switzer'  
*Bulb. longissimum*  
*Paph.* Zycleon 'Krisett'

J&S Frisch  
 R. Wines  
 J&M Bloxson  
 J&M Bloxson  
 B&N Lakey  
 J&S Frisch  
 M&S Rowcliffe  
 T&M Handley  
 B&N Lakey  
 J&N Glover

Catasetinae  
 Oncidiinae  
 Species  
 Miscellaneous

Novice.

Cattleya over 100mm  
 Cattleya up to 100mm  
 Miscellaneous

*Rlc.* Liu's Joyance  
*Bc.* Richard Young x *C.* Chocolate Drop  
*Den.* Burana Stripe

D&L Humble  
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*Cycd.* Jumbo Puff



*Brsdm.* Longlen 'Bill Switzer'



*Den.* Burana Stripe



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**“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**

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Admission \$5 Children Free

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## Your Orchid Diary 2019

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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