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Editor's Notes

This will be the last Newsletter for 2019 and the second last for me as Newsletter Editor. This is my second stint at this position having previously serve in this capacity for 3 years. I have enjoyed these last two years bringing you the Newsletters; however, Norma and I intend to travel more starting next year and the effect this will have on keeping deadlines and date claimers, is one of the reasons for my decision. I will help the next member who takes on this role and contribute regular articles I have introduced such as, The Species of the Month and Judging News if so desired by the new Editor.

This year has certainly flown by and of course the successful staging of the STOC Conference and Show was certainly the highlight. It now seems but a 'blur'. Sandra Rowcliffe has penned a great critique of the Conference for inclusion in the Orchid's Australia magazine, 'Club Reports' section, but you can read it here first. As usual we also held another very successful Autumn Show. Scarily, the next will soon loom large on the horizon once the next Newsletter is printed for January 2020. It really is hard to believe that 2 decades of the 21 century are almost finished.

But of course, before the next show the festive season will soon be upon us and as I write, it is but a mere 7 weeks to that all important day. President Jeff Bloxsom has written a notice with all the details for our XMAS party which is included in this newsletter. It is also around this time of year that the inevitable heat of Summer pervades our lives and those of our orchids. Dr Noel Grundon has written a very informative article on greenhouse maintenance, titled ' Keeping your Cool in the Greenhouse this Summer', for the North Queensland – Cairns society's newsletter which he has kindly allow me to include in our newsletter this month. Since Jeff Bloxsom's Orchidfest's Grand Champion, Den Hawaii Spectacular, there has been many members enquiring on its breeding, so for the orchid of the month I have

written about one of its parents, the fascinating *Den. spectabile*. Our local Judges have also been busy again after Orchidfest with two ROSI members having their plants awarded. So, for the final Newsletter this year there is plenty catch up on.

The last members-visits for the Growers Group has also been held and the annual BBQ hosted by the Brenigans will be the final get together for the year, the details of which can be found in Marg Handley's Growers Report. Likewise, **November's meeting will be the last monthly meeting for this year.** Results for the yearly competitions, Popular Vote, (Advanced and Novice), Judges Choice, Outstanding Achievement and Aggregate Show points will be announced at the Christmas Party. Word has it that some are a close call. The results will also be in the January 2020 Newsletter; **remember there will be no meeting next month (December as such; the Xmas Party takes its place), until the next monthly meeting, the first for 2020, on January 24th.**

I hope you have enjoyed the newsletters I have written this year; I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members and their families a Happy, Safe and Healthy Xmas and New Year

Jeff Glover

**ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY INC
CHSTMAS PARTY and PRESENTATION NIGHT**



**VENUE - FRENCHVILLE SPORTS CLUB - FUNCTION ROOMS
DATE - SUNDAY 8th DEC. - TIME - 6.30PM PRE-DINNER & NIBBLES
SEATED DINNER 7.30PM - 2 COURSE CHRISTMAS BUFFET
DRINKS SUPPLIED - FRUIT PUNCH & SOFT DRINKS
ALL ACHOLIC DRINKS AT OWN COST
THERE WILL BE THE USUAL LUCKY DOOR PRIZES
OUR USUAL - HUGE CHRISTMAS MULTI-DRAW RAFFLE
ANNUAL TROPHY AND PRIZES PRESENTATIONS**

FINAL NAMES AND TABLES WILL BE REQUIRED BY OUR NOV MEET 26TH

**YOU CAN BOOK ROUND TABLES OF 10 OR SQUARE TABLES OF 12
YOUR TABLE LIST OF NAMES ALSO REQUIRED BY NOV MEETING
THE COST OF THE EVENING IS \$40 EACH
WITH A SUBSIDY AS PASSED AT LAST MEETING YOUR COST IS ONLY
\$25-00 EACH
PAYMENT PREFFERABLY REQUIRED AT NOVEMER'S MEETING OR AT THE
DOOR
COME ALONG AND ENJOY A GREAT NIGHT WITH YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS
Jeff Bloxsom, President**

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Peter Jenkinson

Nat Lakey

Sandra Rowcliffe



Growers' Tip

The best tip I can give this month is make sure you read Noel Grundon's article on keeping your greenhouse cool this Summer, for his tips on action you can take to save your plants from the extremes of climate that now seems to be the new normal. Last year a common point of discussion amongst members was "how are your plants going through this continuing heat?" Noel's article stems from the many growers that had their plants suffer severe damage when Far Nth Queensland experienced unprecedented heat combined with more importantly, low humidity. There was even damage done to rainforest plants where large tracks of plants both trees and the understory flora such as ferns and lianas were scorched.

In Central Queensland, especially Rockhampton we are accustom to the heat and many of us have built our plant-housing structures accordingly; however, last year's continuing bouts of weeks of temps from 35-42 took its toll on plants and might I mention also on growers; which may see some of us put in

place his great advice. Many of us also grow accompanying plants such as bromeliads. While in general these are quite resilient, but like orchids grown under light shade cloth they will burn. So, try and keep your cool, and your orchids and bromeliads; as we approach what has all the makings of yet another unrelenting Summer.

Orchids Australia Article.

ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

By Sandra Rowcliffe

On the 14th & 15th September Rockhampton Orchid Society had the pleasure of hosting the 2019 Triennial STOCQ Conference – “Rocky Round-up Orchid Fest”. The conference was held at Korte’s Resort Parkhurst and the venue was spectacularly decked out in Club Displays, Tabled Plants and Floral Arrangements.

Over 30 judges, many with their partners, attended the Judge’s Dinner at the resort on the Friday evening followed by the judging, which was completed in less than 3 hours. Jeff Glover did a great job as the Show Marshall organising the judging teams and handling all inquiries and judging processes.

Rockhampton’s Club Display themed around our beef heritage took out first place, followed by Agnes Water second and Hervey Bay third. A beautiful display by Bundaberg Society showcased their city’s attractions. The four displays were filled with many award-winning plants.

Even though the weather has not been kind to our orchids and foliage a beautiful range of genera were showcased. As an Open Show members of other societies had the opportunity to enter their plants with the show tables brimming with flowering orchids, cactus, bromeliads, tillandsias, ferns, bonsais and other foliage.

Grand Champion was *Den.* Hawaii Spectacular grown by Jeff & Marilyn Bloxsom. This plant was awarded HCC/ACC (79.3/77.71 points) by 21 judges and 7 associate judges. They also won Best Specimen and Best Australian Species with their *Cym. canaliculatum*.

Reserve Champion was *Paph.* Fanaticum grown by John Robertson. Jenni Scott took out Best Exotic Species with an abundantly flowering *C. loddigesii*.

The floral arrangements covered four tables in the foyer leading to the main room and were overflowing with beautiful arrangements and corsages. The winning arrangement was by Maxine Maunder with Bethel Hughes and Jeff Bloxsom taking out the remaining places. Bethel Hughes won the best Corsage followed by Moyna Richardson who took out second and third places.

Eleven vendors attended the conference bringing a vast array of orchids, foliage, ceramic pots and supplies. The show was attended by over 1200 visitors some arriving in buses from other cities.

Our beef theme continued to the gala dinner held at the Shearing Shed at the Rockhampton Heritage Village where an alternative dinner drop was either Beef Fillet or grilled Barramundi, both abundant in the area. A massive table of multi-draw prizes saw many guests taking home a plant or two.

The conference had several guest speakers with each presentation well attended. A lot of positive comments were received from participants and our members are looking forward to attending the next STOCQ Conference in three years wherever it may be held. For further information, photos and a video on the conference visit our website –

www.rockhamptonorchidsociety.com.au

Our hardworking committee are now looking forward to enjoying a few months rest before organising our next Show to be held in April 2020.

**Next Monthly Meeting Tuesday 26th November
Starts 7.30pm.**

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

R.O.S.I Growers Group Report

Our last gathering for 2019 was held at the residence of Sue and David Eggleshaw at Gracemere on Saturday, October 26. Sue and David have worked hard since moving to this site and have built a new orchid house. They have been dealing with the effects of bore water on their collection. David told us that he has been time poor and is behind with his repotting - as are many of us! The orchid house was very spacious and I noticed that the oncidiums were thriving and obviously liked the bore water. Sue and David have an area in the centre of the orchid house where they plan to put their flowering plants to hand water as the shelves along the walls are watered by sprinklers. They also have a lovely collection of Desert Roses and a small bush house for foliage. Thank you to Sue and David for inviting us.

Jeff Bloxsom was the Guest Speaker for the afternoon and explained how he is using Semi Hydroponics (using expanded clay balls) as a system for growing his orchids. There are now quite a few followers of this system in our club. For more information check out the following sites.

Look up Hughes Cattleyas and find the article on **Using Expanded Clay Balls**.

<https://hughescattleyas.com/using-expanded-clay-balls/>

Another site to check out- **General Semi Hydroponics Information**

<https://firstrays.com/semi-hydroponic-culture/general-semi-hydroponics-information/>

Thank you, Jeff for this very informative talk and thanks to Bob Lakey for his support. 66 members attended the afternoon and the raffle was well supported. Thank you to the folk who donated prizes.

Margaret Handley

November Date Claimer.

Gwen and Terry Breingan have invited R.O.SI members to an **End of Year BBQ** to be held on Saturday, **November 16th** at their residence at **28 Dowling Street, Park Avenue** commencing at **5 pm**.

This is a truly **BYO BBQ**. Terry supplies the BBQ's to cook on and folk are to bring

- Your food to cook
- Folding Chairs – if possible, a small table if you wish to eat in style!
- Drinks
- Cups, Cutlery and plates
- Small dessert to share
- An orchid plant or an item ...chocolates (**can be plural**) for the **free** raffle.

Highlight of the evening is the free raffle. Everyone receives a raffle ticket and everyone wins a prize or prizes depending on the amount of donations



Species of the Month



The species of the month is *Den. spectabile*. It is one of the most interesting and ‘wacky’ looking flowers in the orchid world. I have heard it described colloquially as the Octopus flower and is more commonly known as the Grand Dendrobium. It belongs to the Latourea group in the genus *Dendrobium*. It is quite a large plant with pseudobulbs growing to 122cm but more commonly found from 30-40cm. Inflorescences can be from 20-40 cm long with 5-20 flowers that

Den. spectabile

can be 6-8cms across. These orchids are found growing in New Guinea, Bougainville, the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu where they grow in swampy lowland forests and mountain groves on tree-hosts including Casuarina and planted Coconut trees ranging from elevations of sea level to 1000 metres. It grows well in Central Queensland in most potting mediums such as bark, charcoal and rock mixes.

Interest in this species has peaked locally since a hybrid of this species won the Grand Champion Orchid at the recent Orchidfest. Namely, Jeff Bloxson’s plant of *Den. Hawaii Spectacular* a cross of *Den. spectabile* x *Den. Big Alex* (*Den. bigibbum* x *Den. alexandre*) which was also subsequently awarded both for quality and culture. Certainly *Den. spectabile* is one for ROSI growers to consider, as are some its exciting hybrids that are starting to become available.



Den. Hawaii Spectacular ‘Marilyn’ HCC-ACC/AOC

KEEPING YOUR COOL IN THE GREENHOUSE THIS SUMMER

by Noel Grundon

As published in the North Queensland Orchid Society Inc.-Cairns , October Newsletter

GREENHOUSE; GLASSHOUSE; SHADEHOUSE; BUSH- HOUSE – WHAT IS WHICH?

Here in Far North Queensland, we hear the terms shadehouse or bush-house when we discuss structures where we grow our orchids. We seldom hear the terms greenhouse or glasshouse, which are terms we often read about in literature from the cooler climates of Australia or USA and Europe. When I use the following terms in this article, I am referring to the following types of structure:

1. Greenhouse: A structure with a covering of plastic or glass that prevents entry of rainfall but allows some control of temperature in the growing area.
2. Glasshouse: A structure covered by glass that prevents entry of rainfall but allows some control of temperature in the growing area.
3. Shadehouse: A structure covered by shadecloth that allows rain to enter and has no or little control of temperature inside the growing area.
4. Bush-house: A structure covered by shadecloth or other material to reduce light input but allows rain to enter and has no or little control of temperature inside the growing area.

From the above, you can see that from the viewpoint

of a plant, a greenhouse and glasshouse have similar characteristics and can be considered interchangeable terms in this article. Hereafter, I will use the term greenhouse.

Likewise, from the viewpoint of a plant, shadehouse and bush-house have similar characteristics and can be considered interchangeable terms in this article. Hereafter I will use the term shadehouse.

Furthermore, once a shadehouse or bush-house is enclosed or partly enclosed with a plastic covering, it behaves similar to and becomes the same as a greenhouse in the terms of this article.

HOW DOES A GREENHOUSE WORK?

Last summer, growers on the coastal plain from Brisbane to Cairns suffered loss of plants or new growths on a number of orchid genera from heat stress that were growing in plastic covered shadehouses – i.e. in structures similar to a greenhouse. But does a simple plastic covered shadehouse heat the air inside them by similar principles to that operating in a greenhouse?

Yes, they do!

If you grow your plants in these structures, you need to understand how a greenhouse works, so that you can take measures to prevent the build up of heat that will cause heat stress to your orchids.

Sunlight is a form of energy. Figure 1 is a representation of the flow of light energy inside a greenhouse and how a greenhouse works to generate hotter temperatures inside it.

Glass and plastic reflect the infra-red wavelengths of sunlight but allow all other wavelengths to pass through (e.g. the yellow lines in Figure 1). Of the

wavelengths that pass through the glass or plastic, the green plants absorb the wavelengths in the blue, red and far-red parts of the spectrum and use them in photosynthesis and photoperiod measurements. The plants reflect the wavelengths in the green parts of the spectrum. The solid structures of the greenhouse, the pots, the benching and floors absorb all wavelengths and re-emit the excess energy as infra-red wavelengths, i.e. as heat (e.g. the upward pointing red lines in Figure 1). The darker these surfaces, the more energy they can

absorb, and the more infra-red wavelengths or heat they can emit. These re-emitted infra-red wavelengths of heat energy can not get out of the greenhouse because they are unable to pass through the glass or plastic covering and the air inside the greenhouse is heated. Note that the red lines in Figure 1 are reflected back inside the greenhouse by the plastic or glass roof.

Therefore, the air inside the greenhouse gets hotter and hotter during cloudless days. The more air-tight the structure is, the greater and faster the heat inside the greenhouse builds-up.

This is the same effect that you have no doubt experienced when getting into a car after it's been sitting in a sunny parking space for a few hours.

KEEPING YOUR COOL IN A PLASTIC COVERED SHADEHOUSE

There are a number of articles on the WWW that give tips on how to keep a greenhouse (i.e. a plastic covered shadehouse) cool during summer heatwaves. Three are listed at the end of this article if you want to look some up yourself.

Here is a summary of what they advise:

Venting a Plastic Covered Shadehouse

Natural ventilation is the easiest and cheapest way of getting hot air out of the greenhouse. In plastic covered shadehouses often found in the Cairns area, the plastic coverings may come only partway down the side walls. Here there are ample avenues for heat to escape through the lower walls, but the air inside the top part of the plastic covered shadehouse can be several degrees hotter than the outside or ambient air temperature.

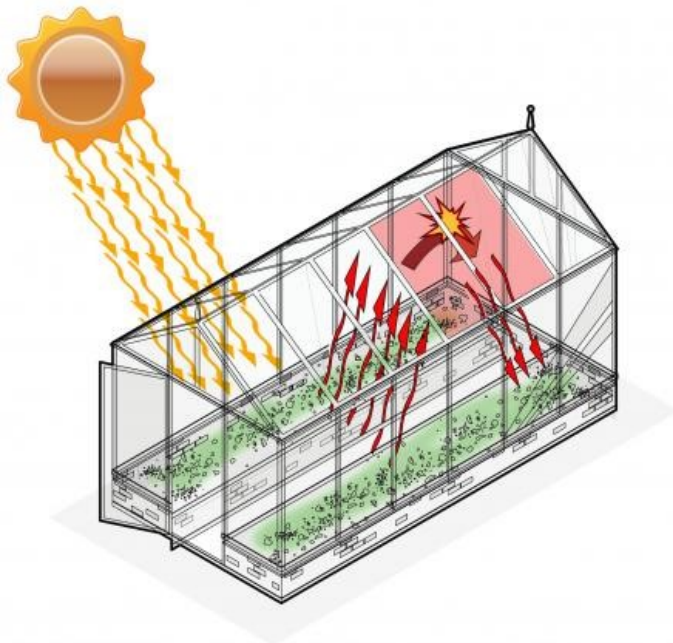
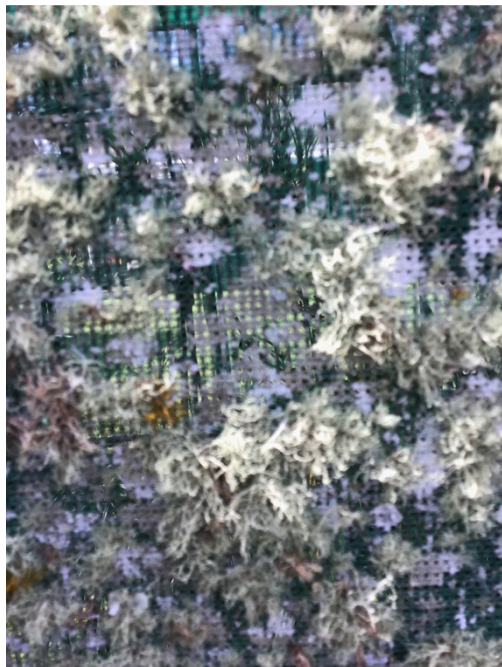


Figure 1: Diagrammatic representation of the flow of light energy in a greenhouse. {From [https:// garden.lovetoknow.com/image/215118-greenhousediaqram.jpg](https://garden.lovetoknow.com/image/215118-greenhousediaqram.jpg).} Cited 21 October 2019

Open the doors to allow cool air in and more hot air to escape. Natural ventilation is more uniform than fans but will not cool the greenhouse to a lower temperature than ambient outside air.

If natural air flow is not adequate to keep temperatures where you want them, you will have to resort to fans to blow the hot air out or cooler air in. Rather than using an air conditioner to provide cool air that will be low in humidity, use an evaporative cooler where a stream of water passing through wood-wool or similar material provides cool but humidified air.

Make sure the shadecloth walls are clean and not clogged up by growth of lichen or algae, as shown on the walls of my shadehouse last year (See Figure 2a). A water pressure cleaner such as a gurney can quickly blast these growths off the shadecloth but use the gurney from inside the shadehouse – you don't want to leave the lichen and algae all over the plants. Figure 2b shows how clean the walls of my shadehouse are now after using a water pressure cleaner on them last summer.



Clean the walls of your shadehouse with a water pressure cleaner:

Left: Figure 2a wall covered by lichen and algae growth that restricts air flow through the shadecloth.

Right: Figure 2b wall after cleaning with a gurney water pressure cleaner. You can now see the plants inside through the shadecloth.

Damping Down a Plastic Covered Shadehouse

Damping down is the process of raising the humidity inside the greenhouse by wetting hard surfaces such as paths and staging. Damping down is normally recommended to raise the humidity of the air inside a greenhouse or shadehouse. However, adding water to wet the hard surfaces of the growing area, i.e. the plant leaves, benches and floor (Please note, not to water the media such that water drips from the base of the pots), can reduce the air temperature markedly. Water has a high latent heat requirement, i.e. it takes a lot of energy to heat water. As water is heated and evaporated, heat energy is removed from the air and the

temperature of the air is lowered. As an example, consider the maximum temperatures I have measured recently in two areas at Atherton where I am growing my orchids:

1. My orchid shadehouse that is covered with 2 layers of 50% shadecloth but no plastic roof; and
2. An area off my north facing veranda that is covered by an Alsynite plastic roof and without any side-walls.

When neither area is damped down, the maximum temperatures are within 1 °C of each other, at around 35 °C to 38 °C on recent cloudless days. When I commenced to damp down my shadehouse by setting my watering system to come on for 1 minute 4 times-a-day, every day at 1.00pm, 2.00pm, 3.00pm and 4.00pm, the maximum temperature in the shadehouse was 5 °C to 6 °C lower than that under the Alsynite roofed area.

A happy side effect of raising humidity is that conditions are made less favourable for pests that thrive in dry conditions, such as the red spider mite.

Watering the Roof a Plastic Covered Shadehouse

Rather than damping down the solid structures inside the plastic covered shadehouse, you can cool the roof by running a soaker hose over the top and turning the water on to cool the roof and inside air. For me, this is not a solution I am prepared to follow because of the watering restrictions in force on the Tablelands.

Further Reading:

1. 10 tips for keeping your greenhouse cool this summer by John W. Bartok Jr. {From: [https:// www.greenhousemag.com/article/tech-solutions-10-tips-for-keeping-your-greenhouse-cool-this-summer/](https://www.greenhousemag.com/article/tech-solutions-10-tips-for-keeping-your-greenhouse-cool-this-summer/)} Cited 21 October 2019.
2. How to keep a Greenhouse cool in the desert or Hot Summer? by Yasinzaii {From: [https:// greenhouseplanter.com/how-to-keep-a-greenhouse-cool-in-the-desert-or-hot-summer/](https://greenhouseplanter.com/how-to-keep-a-greenhouse-cool-in-the-desert-or-hot-summer/)} Cited 21 October 2019.
3. Venting a Greenhouse {From: [https:// www.growveg.com.au/guides/how-to-keep-your-greenhouse-cool-in-summer/](https://www.growveg.com.au/guides/how-to-keep-your-greenhouse-cool-in-summer/)} Cited 21 October 2019.



Monthly Competition Results – October 2019.

(Plants Tabled: Advanced 62; Novice 22)

Judges Choice.

Van. Pine Rivers ‘Wasana’

W&M Richardson

Brs. Rex ‘Sakata’

J&S Frisch

Den. Little Green Apples

Jenkins & Kuhl

Popular Vote, Advanced.

arat X *Rlc.* Donna Kimura

‘Capricorn’s Pink Cameo’

J&S Frisch

Cattleya up to 100mm(XX) x (XX) ‘Capricorn’s Hot Flush’

J&S Frisch

Vandaceous over 65mm

Aranda (*Mkra.*) Jairak White

T.March

Vandaceous up to 65mm

Rntda. Sunrise

P&J Moore

Dendrobium

Den. Kiku Orange

K&R Smith

Phalaenopsis

Phal. Chian Xen Panda ‘Cx492’

T&M Handley

Oncidiinae

Tolu.(*Onc.*) Jairak Sweet Pink ??

K&R Smith

Species

E. cordigera

T.March

Miscellaneous

Paph. Saint Swithin

K&R Smith

Novice.

Cattleya

Grt. Why Not

Jenkins & Kuhl

Phalaenopsis

Phal. Ox Yellow Lip

D&L Humble

Miscellaneous

Den. Little Green Apples

Jenkins & Kuhl



Van. Pine Rivers ‘Wasana’



Den. Little Green Apples



Brs. Rex ‘Sakata’

General Cultural Guide October/December

* Information is general in nature and given in good faith.	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.

Judging News

Jeff Bloxsom received his certificates for the awards given to his Orchidfest Grand Champion Den Hawaii Spectacular 'Marilyn' HCC-ACC/AOC, at last month's meeting. He certainly has struck a purple patch of late; retirement has sure had a good effect on the orchids. ☺



He then followed up this success with another double outcome when the local panel of Australian Orchid Council judges awarded his plant of *Cymbidium* Australian Midnight 'Thelma Jean' (*Cym. canaliculatum* x *atroporpureum*) a Highly Commended Certificate (HCC) a

quality award and a cultural award, an Award of Cultural Commendation (ACC), on 4th October 2019.



The panel also considered another plant at the meeting, *Paphiopedilum* Michael Koopowitz belonging to Jeff and Norma Glover which was awarded a quality award an (AM) Award of Merit, thus becoming Paph Michael Koopowitz 'Krisett' AM/AOC. Five judges from the Gladstone area travelled to Rockhampton for the panel meeting, which was greatly appreciated.



Travel at their own cost is but one commitment often overlooked by many when the inevitable grumbles about judging in general occurs. One of our Assoc. Judges will even be traveling to Cairns to attend a panel meeting and lecture this month. This commitment will be rewarded next year when 4 of the 5 Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc Assoc. Judges will be elevated to full judge status. ROSI will then be in the enviable position of being a society able to have more than the minimum of 5 judges required to grant awards in its own right. Remember if you have a plant you think maybe worthy of assessment for an award, contact one of the local Judges or Assoc. Judges and we will only be too happy to arrange for it to be assessed for further consideration. 42

Jeff Glover, Assist Registrar STOC Northern Panel

Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.

General Meeting Tuesday 22ND OCTOBER 2019

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: Nil

Visitors: Nil

Lucky Numbers: 67 L Lucke and 22 Z Kidman

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

Moved P Rankin

Seconded Z Kidman

Carried

Correspondence:

IN – NEWSLETTERS

Blackwater & District Orchid & Foliage Club Inc.

Bribie Island Orchid Society

Caboolture Orchid Society Inc.

Childers & Isis District Orchid Society Inc.

Mackay & District Orchid Society Inc.

Nightcliff Orchid Society

Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Society Inc.

The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Inc.

Townsville Orchid Society Inc.

STOCQ – Notice of next meeting – 16/11/19 hosted by Bribie Island Orchid Society

OQI - Notice of next meeting – 16/11/19 hosted by Bribie Island Orchid Society

My State Bank – 2 statements

Big Colour Works - statements

OrchidWiz – Update to 6.0 for ROSI computers

Orchids Australia magazine – October 2019

Thank you card from P.R.O.P.A. visitors to our conference

Email from Caboolture Orchid Society re our “fantastic” conference.

OUT

Nil

Read and moved by the secretary that the inward correspondence be accepted, and the outward correspondence endorsed

Seconded

Y Manning

Carried

Treasurer’s Report:

Read and moved for acceptance by S Rowcliffe

Seconded M Maunder

Carried

Growers Group Coordinators Report: Marg Handley delivered her report.

General Business:

Australian Orchid Council – 22nd AOC Conference & Show, September 2021 seeking donations

Motion that Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc. donate \$500.00

Moved M Richardson Seconded N Lakey

Carried

End of Year BBQ (BYO) – Gwen & Terry Breingan have invited members to their residence on Saturday afternoon, 16th November at 28 Dowling Street, Park Avenue commencing at 5pm. Please bring own chair, drinks, food to cook yourself, a dessert to share and something for the free raffle. Gwen & Terry provide the venue and the barbeques to cook on.

Sausage Sizzles – will probably go ahead next year if we can get suitable dates.

Mid-Year Function - there was mention of a possible mid-year function to be held next year. This may take the form of a mystery tour which we haven't had for a long time.

Christmas Party – motion for the society to subsidise the cost to keep the price to \$25.00 per head.

Moved K Carr Seconded L Humble

Carried

Please give numbers attending and **payment at November general meeting**. If you want to reserve a table to sit with friends, please give that list to Jeff Bloxsom by the meeting as well.

Library – Jeff Bloxsom reminded everyone that we have an extensive library of orchid books available to be borrowed from one meeting to the next. He urged everyone to take advantage of the opportunity.

Plant Commentary: John Frisch

Exhibitor's Raffle: M Richardson

General Raffle: S Eggleshaw. J Bloxsom. L Humble, L Andrews x2, S Rowcliffe.

Next Committee meeting at Trish Craig's residence on Tuesday 29/10/19 commencing at 7.00pm.

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16th November 2019: STOCQ and OQI meetings at The Orchid House, 156A First Avenue, Bongaree hosted by Bribie Island Orchid Society

23-24 November 2019
QOS Orchid Species Show
Auditorium Mt Cootha Botanical Gardens

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

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

2023 September , 24th World Orchid
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