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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 27/8/13

at 7.30pm

Plants to be tabled by
7.15pm

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Editors notes.

What a crazy winter this has been night temperatures in double figures most of the time, I sometimes wonder whether I did the right thing covering my bush house for the winter but as we all know we have a ways to go yet and being as wacky as it is spring could bring colder than usual temperatures. We shall just have to wait and see.

I suppose we are all in the usual panic mode being this close to show time, no buds of the size and proportion we are expecting, the plants we wanted to flower for the show have already bee and gone, all the things we wanted to happen didn't and all the things we didn't want to happen did but never the less it will happen and we will put on as usual a terrific show for the public, not only the public but for ourselves, we get to see orchids our colleagues grow that normally we wouldn't get to see as we can't access every growers bush house.

June & I will be going on holidays in late September for a month or more. in the mean time my daughter Kate will be in charge of your newsletter & hopefully Bob will take the pictures for her (please send all correspondence to the editors email as usual).

We wish you all the best in the forth coming show, may there be a room full of champions.

Judges for the Meeting

T. Dean P. Shelton. B. Hilse
Dianne Hughes

Pete & June

Notice to Members please assist with cleaning the hall after the meeting

The closing date for articles for the next newsletter are to be received by the 13th of September; articles received after this date will be included in the following month. Ed.

Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.
General Meeting Tuesday 23/07/2013

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New members: Margaret Warner, Tony Pound.

Visitor: Ann Oram.

Lucky Member: 43 Peter Jenkinson.

Minutes: of previous monthly meeting approved as correct and accurate, Moved Sandra Rowcliffe second Keith Marsden Carried.

Correspondence: In = Newsletters, Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc, Caboolture Orchid Society Inc, Rockhampton Horticultural Society Inc. Mackay & District Orchid Society Inc, Maryborough District Orchid Society Inc. Capricorn Orchid & Foliage Club Inc. Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society Inc. Nightcliff Orchid Society. Redcliff District Orchid Society Inc. The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Inc. Boyne- Tannum Orchid & Foliage Society. Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Pioneer River Orchid & Plant Association Inc. Orchid News NSW. Bundaberg Orchid Society Inc, Gympie & District Orchid Society Inc, Eastern District Orchid Society Inc, The Orchid Societies Council of Victoria Inc, The Australian Orchid Council Inc, Aust Native Orchid Conference & Show. Susan Rawlings Field Day. The Rock (2) Memberships Richard Pershouse & Edna Houghton.

OUT = Sympathy Card to Ray & Gay Bills. Read and Moved Gloria Wakefield Second by June Shelton Carried.

Treasurers Report: With Bill Richardson away there was no treasurer report.

New Growers: Keith Marsden spoke about going to Sandra Rowcliffes to see there collection Thank You Sandra. The next one will be at Gloria & Roger Wakefield at 7 Dally Street Wandal.

General Business: To start the Mid – Year BBQ has now been called off. The Club will look at Other sizes for the display tables before the next show, The rest of the meeting was taken up with the show. The Cent Sale will now be on the 3rd of November workers needed after 11 am with the Cent Sale starting at 2 pm.

Plant Commentary: Jeff Glover Short and Sweet with lots of good information, thanks Jeff I Think everyone enjoyed the information.

Raffle: Lorraine Weaver, Ken Smith, Richard Mann, Trish Craig, Ted Page, Ray Bills, Peter Shelton.

Meeting closed: 8.45 pm.

Next Meeting: 27th August 2013

Jeff Bloxsom President

Gloria Wakefield Secretary

Monthly Competition Results. July 2013

(Plants tabled: Advanced: 50. Novice: 20)

Judges Choice

<i>Paph.</i> British Bulldog	J&N Glover
<i>Dtps.</i> Tinny Honey	K&R Smith
<i>Dtps.</i> Lighting 'New Lighten'	T&M Handley

Popular Vote, Advanced

Cattleya over 75mm	<i>Rlc.</i> Calico Charm	K&R Smith
Cattleya up to 75mm	<i>Rth.</i> Dal's Nuggett	K&R Smith
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> Maid of Gloucester	B&N Lakey
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph.</i> Norito Hasegawa	T&E Dean
Phalaenopsis	<i>Dtps.</i> Tinny Honey	K&R Smith
Oncidiinae	<i>Mtdm.</i> Tropical Heatwave	K&R Smith
Species	<i>Rhy. gigantea</i>	K&R Smith
Miscellaneous	<i>Cl.</i> Kengar	P&J Shelton

Novice

Cattleya	C. Chocolate Drop x <i>Pot.</i> Lemon Tree	T&N Craig
Phalaenopsis	<i>Dtps.</i> I Hsin Spot Leopard	T&N Craig
Oncidinae	<i>Hwra.</i> Lava Burst 'Puanani'	P&T Jenkinson
Species	<i>Ddc. wenzelii</i>	T&N Craig
Miscellaneous	<i>Cym.</i> Dandy	S. Rowcliffe



Paph. British Bulldog



Dtps. Tinny Honey



Dtps. Lighting 'New Lighten'

New Growers Report.

The July meeting for the new growers was held at the home of Roger and Gloria Wakefield. On arrival as usual the members were invited to check out the orchids in the now full orchid house of the Wakefield's. I can remember when Roger built the orchid house for Gloria and I thought to myself well this house should last them for many years. How wrong I was it is now bulging with orchids of various genera. Isn't it remarkable how the spare bench room diminishes so fast?

Afternoon tea was next followed by a talk on any plant troubles the members had. The order of the day was a repotting workshop which gave many members a chance to repot their plants under the supervision of the experienced members who had made their time available for the afternoon.

My sincere thanks to them as we all had to learn and their advice from experience is greatly appreciated.

My thanks to Roger and Gloria for their inviting us again this year, the effort you go to each year is very much appreciated. Thanks also to all who helped in making the afternoon such a success and your generosity in raffle plants.

The next meeting is to be held on **Saturday the 31st of August** at the home of Jan and Trevor Rawlings (take note of the **G** Trevor). Their address is **6 Ann Street, Rockhampton**. With the starting time of **2 P.M.** The usual plate and a folding chair if possible.

Keith Marsden

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Psuedobulbs – Their Purpose.

Pseudo - The word pronounced soo – doe means sham, false, not real or genuine, it's purpose in the life of the orchid that possesses one is a storage chamber. Inside is a fibrous substance which has the capacity to hold copious amounts of fluid and stored energy in the form of sugars and starches. In its natural habitat this enables the plant to survive the annual drought of the dry season. In the captive element of a bush house winter becomes its dry season so we don't give them as much water or nutrients because they are in a semi dormant state.

Then, as in the wild the wet season activates new growth. In our case as spring is sprung and the days and nights warm up we water and fertiliser these new growths. These pseudobulbs are the longest living part of the orchid and will stay in a dormant state long after it has lost its leaves, e.g. *Catasetums*. They come in all shapes and sizes, *Cymbidiums* can be as big as cricket balls. *Bulbophyllums* as small as a pea. *Dendrobiums* can be long and skinny or short and rounded. Whatever the shape they all serve the same purpose.

Perhaps it would be wise of me before I get taken to task; there are two oddball types of pseudobulbs, those of *Schomburgkia. tibicinis* and *Caularthron. bicornutum* these are hollow and have a slit at the base.

There are many theories as to why a certain breed of ant makes its nest in there. This is one also the one I consider the most feasible. Being hollow it defeats the purpose of food storage, the dead ants that died in the nest supplies it with its food; the plants also get protection from insect predators so every bodies happy. (except the dead ones of cause). I'm led to believe that to disturb these ants' means that you will be attacked and bitten with a bite resembling that of a Rottweiler.

Hymn.

Label Check Time.

Oncidium (Onc.) Sweet Sugar is now *Oncidesa* (Oncsa.) Sweet Sugar.

Oncidium onustum is now *Zelenkoa* (Zel.) *onusta*

Miltonidium (Mtdm) Ruffles is now *Oncidium* Ruffles

Zygopetalum (Z) Adelaide Meadows is now *Zygoneria* (Zga) Adelaide Meadows

Cattleya (C) *bowringiana* is now *Guarianthe* (Gur) *bowringiana*

Laeliocattleya (Lc) Molly Tyler is now *Cattlianthe* (Ctt) Molly Tyler

Laeliocattleya (Lc) Little Susie is now *Cattlianthe* (Ctt) Little Susie

Brassocattleya (Bc) Donna Kimura is now *Rhyncolaeliocattleya* (Rlc) Donna Kimura

Oncidium (Onc) Liz is now *Zelmnia* (Zlm) Liz

Brassolaeliocattleya (Blc) Burdekin Storm is now *Rhyncolaeliocattleya* (Rlc) Burdekin Storm

Brassavola (B) *digbyana* is now *Rhyncolaelia* (Rl) *digbyana*

Brassavola (B) *glauca* is now *Rhyncolaelia* (Rl) *glauca*

Cattleya (C) *aurantiaca* is now *Guarianthe* (Gur) *aurantiaca*

Cattleya (C) *skinneri* is now *Guarianthe* (Gur) *skinneri*

Cattleya Chocolate Drop is now *Cattlianthe* (Ctt) Chocolate Drop

There are many more but I think if you stick to the old names no one will go crook.

TheJudge

Preparing Your Plants For Showing.

Staking and tying of inflorescences cause more confusion than anything else at show time – mainly for two reasons.

A) Lack of knowledge

A) Disappointment that some one else's plant plus perhaps even a bit of stirring.

Staking and tying rules were introduced in Queensland to prevent some growers taking an unfair advantage of others; in other words – some growers were cheating.

However, now that we have a clear ruling in Queensland on staking and tying, these rules must be enforced without interpretation from the judges.

The job of judges is difficult enough without “experts” who are not judges sprouting their interpretation of the rules – expounding to anyone who will listen “how the judges allowed illegal tying and staking – or refused to judge the best orchid” (probably their own).

The rules are quite clear (I quote)

Staking and tying to support the inflorescences, will be permitted on all inflorescences, no staking or ties are allowed on or above the pedicle or ovary of the flower. On multi flowered unbranched inflorescences, staking and ties are allowed up to but not above half way along that inflorescence carrying flowers of buds.

On branched inflorescences, the main branch may be tied or staked up to but not above the uppermost branch.

Parafilm tape or florist tape are not allowed for ties.

All ties shall not cover more than a reasonable portion of the flower stem; 5% or less of the supported portion of the stem would be considered reasonable. All ties must be such that they can be removed easily at the request of the judging panel and must allow any missing flowers to be seen clearly. Staking and tying should not alter the natural arrangement of the flowers on the inflorescence.

The responsibility for correctly staking and tying your plants rests solely with you; if you are in doubt ask one of the qualified judges – not the “experts”.

Some other relative points in preparing your plants for showing.

1. The show bench judging rules state that plants being judged must be in show bench condition.
2. The plant or plants shown at the right level will attract the judge's eye.
3. The effort that you put into preparing your plant/s for judging may make all the difference; or at least give your plants a fighting chance – they may be better than you think if they are presented on an equal footing with other well prepared plants.

Wal Murphy Judge (Dec) (1995)

Show Business.

The car is loaded and ready to go, stacked to the roof for the next orchid show.
I've ticked every item I had on my list, so we're sure there isn't one thing we have missed.
We've put in the plants and stands and what more, that great bag of bark we use on the floor.
There are pins and the Hessian, the tags and the tape, and the carefully pressed taffeta we use as a drape.
I've got pens and blue tack and cutters and wire, and the pieces of driftwood I saved from the fire.
Some spare pots and hangers, the fence and the sign, and the mirror that sets our bush land design.
I've robbed all our trees of their garland of moss, and that's packed with damp paper in an old fridgie box.
I've got my wallet and cash card, my glasses, car keys, and my old orchid note book in case there should be, a seedling or clone on the show plant sales table, I've been wanting for years if it's true to its label.
About an hour to get there, if we arrive at four, we should find a parking spot near the hall door.
The other members will come and help take the props in, and then the hustle and bustle will really begin.
The backdrops not straight, take it your way a bit, that Vandas to tall there it just doesn't fit!
Try it over this side above the red Cat, no the red is too brilliant, makes the Vanda look flat.
Leave it out for a minute while we think what to do, It is such a soft yellow, put it near the blue.
And so it will go till the last plants in place, and we've covered with moss every pot, stand and base.
Then it's every one out let the judges confer, on the champion plants and the display they prefer.
Class winners selected, ribbons red, yellow, blue, will be placed here and there for the public to view.
For two days the venue will take on the look of a fantasy garden, straight out of a book.
I'll look at the champions and solemnly swear that in future my orchids will receive special care.
The prizes presented, the shows a success, time to pull down the stands, pack and clean up the mess.
About an hour from then there'll be no sign at all, that an orchid show ever took place in the hall.
The car is loaded and ready to go, stacked to the roof for the next orchid show.....

Borrowed from the Orchid Review, December (1991) (55)

A conscientious minister who wanted to get acquainted with a new family in his congregation called on them one evening.

After knocking on the door, a lilting voice coming from within called out; "Is that you angel?"
"No replied the minister but I'm from the same department."

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Your Orchid Diary 2013

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September 6 – 7th Childers Show
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September 7– 8th Rockhampton Spring Show
September 19 – 21st (39) Maryborough Show
September 27 -28th Glasshouse Country Show

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