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Newsletter February 2013



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NEXT MEETING Tuesday. 26/2/13 at 7.30pm Plants to be tabled by 7.15pm

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Judges for the Meeting

T.Dean P.Shelton. B. Hilse Bob. Lakey

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

Editors notes.

I Hope you have all considered what position you are going to take in the running of this Society, as all executive positions are declared vacant you have a choice. Let's see the secretary's mail box full of nominations.

Which bone are you?

It has been said that membership of an organisation is made up of 4 kinds of bones.

WISHBONES: Who spend all their time wishing someone else would do the work

JAWBONES: Who do all the talking but little of anything else.

KNUCKLEBONES: Who knock everything anybody else tries to do.

BACKBONES: The ones who get under the load and do all the work.

WHICH CATEGORY DO YOU FIT IN?

RAIN glorious rain – what a godsend for our orchids (and us), even though it will bring on the nasties in fungal and bacterial rots which thrive in these conditions. So keep an eagle eye on your orchids, especially those growing high because we are inclined to forget them while we check everything at bench height. A spray with the appropriate controlling agent will lessen the problem but good air movement is the answer to most problems associated with orchids. Also as I've stated before overcrowding is asking for trouble, so cull heavy.

This is shaping up to be a busy year, in March we have the Bundaberg field day, a possible trip to Boyne/Tannum, then our much awaited trip to the Gympie Orchid fest which I think will prove to be a beauty. Hopefully we can organize some other growers to visit while we are down there. It may be a difficult task as they will all be at the Orchid Fest. Save your pennies as there will be quite a lot of orchids on sale.

There is a vacancy on the committee due to our loss of Joy Dwyer; Joy was a delight to work with, always willing and always able. We wish you all the best in your shift to the chilly climes that you have decided to move to. Who's going to take her place new blood is always welcome?

Pete & June

The closing date for articles for the next newsletter are to be received by the 8^{th} of March; articles received after this date will be included in the following month. Ed.

Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc. Annual General Meeting Tuesday 28/2/2012

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

President's report: As circulated, Jeff Bloxsom moved a vote of thanks to all members for their

support for the last 12 months.

Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting approved as correct and accurate. With no business arising from them. Moved Ellie Dean Second Burnie Peters carried.

Treasurers Report: Presented by Bill Richardson (as per report) moved Bill Seconded June Shelton carried. Nil against.

Election of Officials: President Jeff Bloxsom Thanked all committee members for doing a good job and always being there for him, as well as all members and said how strong our club was.

All positions now declared vacant.

Jeff handed the Chair over to Vice President Terry Dean

Election of Officers

Patrons:

President: Jeff Bloxson = Elected unopposed Terry Dean = Elected unopposed Vice President: Gloria Wakefield = Elected Unopposed **Secretary: Treasurer:** Bill Richardson = Elected unopposed (1) Jeff Glover = Elected unopposed Committee: (2) Joy Dwyer = Elected unopposed

(3) Peter Shelton = Elected unopposed (4) June Shelton = Elected unopposed (5) Ellie Dean = Elected unopposed (6) Trish Craig. = Elected Unopposed

Librarians: Jack Martin = Elected unopposed

Richard Mann = Elected unopposed

Editor: June & Peter Shelton = Elected unopposed

Assistance Editor: Trish Craig = Elected unopposed

New Growers Leader: Keith Marsden Accepted. Ellie Dean Accepted. **Public Relations:** Terry Dean Accepted. **Registrar: Technical Advisors:** John Frisch Accepted

Jeff Glover Accepted

Terry & Gwen Breingan Accepted **Providors:**

Ellie Dean & Accepted **Door Monitor:**

Lorraine Weaver Accepted.

Property Officers: Faye & Barry English Accepted

Ellie Dean Accepted **Hostess/Host:**

Lorraine Weaver Accepted

Plant Caretaker: Terry Dean Accepted

Kev & Yvonne Logan Accepted **Web Masters:**

Meeting closed 8.30pm.

Jeff Bloxsom President Gloria Wakefield Secretary

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2012

I have great pleasure in presenting this, my annual report for 2012

It pleases me to report that our society has had a very successful year in every respect. We have grown in numbers with many new members joining making our member numbers up around the 100 mark. It has been a good year socially and our coffers are in great shape.

Both our shows were a great success and it seems they only get bigger and better every year. To all members congratulations for a terrific effort, I think here I should thank all the members who put in displays, they are a lot of work but not forgetting the workers behind the scenes, without who the shows would not be as successful as they are.

We had a great day at the Tri annual field day at Gladstone and are looking forward to the upcoming one at Bundaberg. it pleases me to see so many members taking advantage of these opportunities they are excellent learning trips just to see how the other people grow their Orchids.

The new grower's workshop continues to grow still after many years being led by its efficient leader Keith Marsden; they are very much appreciated by old and new growers alike. These afternoons have now become a part of our Society and we hope they continue on in the future. An end of year B.B.Q. was held at Terry and Gwen Breingans home which every body enjoyed. Thank you, Terry and Gwen.

In November, we were very fortunate to have two well known orchid growers give a lecture at our new growers meeting. Stephen Fay from Townsville spoke on growing Phalaenopsis and John Green spoke on growing Dendrobiums. We combined the day with a sausage sizzle. As we don't have a lot of well known speakers talk at our meetings the majority of our members attended and had a great day. Thanks to the efforts of Ken and Rosie Smith as well as Peter & June Shelton in arranging these speakers.

In closing I would like to personally thank my hard working executive and committee members for all their help through out the year, without your help my job would be a lot more difficult than it is. With your help we try to keep the society running smoothly and on an even keel, I think we are achieving that.

To all the members who supported us at the many functions and shows during the year, I say a big thank you.

I wish you all the best for a happy, healthy, year of growing the plants we all love.

Jeff Bloxsom
President

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General Meeting Tuesday 22/1/2013

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New members: Richard Cornale, Jennifer Scott.

Minutes: of previous monthly meeting approved as correct and accurate, Moved Maxine Maunder

second Ellie Dean Carried.

Correspondence: In = Newsletters, The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Inc. Bundaberg Orchid Society Inc, Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc, Boyne- Tannum Orchid & Foliage Society. Blackwater & District Orchid & Foliage Club, Caboolture Orchid Society Inc, Pioneer River Orchid & Plant Association. Rockhampton Horticultural Society Inc. Mid-Murray Orchid Club Inc. Nambour Orchid News. Mackay & District Orchid Society Inc, Maryborough District Orchid Society Inc. Capricorn Orchid & Foliage Club Inc. Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society Inc. Gympie & District Orchid Society Inc. Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Orchid News NSW.

Big Colour Works. STOC. Boyne-Tannum Orchid Show, Orchids Australian Orchid Review, The Rock, Australian Orchid Review Account, Christmas Card from Greg Wheeler, Letter from Berry Munro, Eastern District Orchid Society.

OUT = Sympathy card to Mrs Berry Munro & family, Sympathy card to Mrs Muriel Gill & family. Moved Gloria Wakefield Second by Sharyn Frisch Carried.

Treasurers Report: Read and moved by Bill Richardson Second Peter Shelton Carried.

New Growers: Keith Marsden said the first new growers will be on the 2nd of March at his & Pam's house.

General Business: Certificate was Awarded to Ray Bills, A Trophy was Awarded to Jeff Glover. Moved Moyna Richardson 2nd Peter Shelton that we have our Xmas Breakup at the Frenchville Club on the 1st December 2013 Carried. Moved June Shelton 2nd Terry Ahern that we get the new Sound System it should be here next week carried. Trip to Bundaberg total cast for the weekend should be about \$140.00 per person, with the Bus leaving at 5AM sharp. Moved Ellie Dean 2nd Clary Smith that the Club Subsidise \$1,000.00. With the Gympie trip \$4,000.00 from the Cent Sale we had late last year. Moved Terry Ahern 2nd Terry Dean that the cost for the Gympie Trip be set at \$270.00 per couple plus Food. Membership Fees are to remain at \$20

Moved Ken Smith 2nd Trish Craig Carried. The next Cent Sale has been booked for the 27th October 2013. Think of a theme to be talked about at the next meeting.

Plant Commentary: John Frisch great answers to the questions you were asked, thanks John.

Lucky exhibitor: T. & M. Handley.

Raffle: Trish Craig, Terry Ahern, Lionel Reeves, Dianne Hughes, Jan Rawlings, Graham Maunder, Jenny Scott, Laurence Luke, Marion Kehl, Terry Ahern.

Meeting closed: 9.45 pm.

Next Meeting: 26th February 2013

Jeff Bloxsom President Gloria Wakefield Secretary

Monthly Competition Results. January 2013

(Plants tabled: Advanced: 20. Novice: 15)

Judges ChoicePaph. Lynleigh KoopowitzT&E DeanRhy. retusaJ&M Bloxsom

Ascda. Khun Nok x Rhy. coelestis R&G Wakefield

Popular Vote: Advanced

CattleyaC. Name unknownB&N LakeyDendrobiumDen. Blue FoxtailJ&S FrischPaphiopedilumPaph. Lynleigh KoopowitzT&E DeanMiscellaneousAscda. Fuchs Sunset x Chtra. KeereeboonT&M Handley

Popular Vote: Novice

CattleyaBlc. Mount Isa x Rlc. Glenn MaidmentR&L MannVandaceousAscda. Khun Nok x Rhy. coelestisR&G WakefieldDendrobiumDen. ("Rai King Blue Inky Blue") ?? (*)R&L MannMiscellaneousOnc. ("Baipai 'Pink Skirt'") ?? (*)G&M Maunder(*) These names not registered



Paph. Lynleigh Koopowitz



Ascda. Khun Nok x Rhy. coelestis





Rhy. retusa
Shown twice once showing both floret's
& then a closer view of one floret

New Growers Report.

The first meeting for 2013 will be held on the 2nd of March at **463 Crane Avenue North Rockhampton** starting at 2 P.M.

As in the past years we will be planning the years activities, so please come along with your ideas and requests so I can do my best to achieve your wishes,

We will be looking for places to visit so members think about having us at your place this year.

I'm looking forward to having you at our place weather permitting. The usual plate for afternoon tea and a folding chair if possible.

Keith Marsden Phone- 49282752

<u>Vale – Colin Munro.</u>

Col joined our society in January 1973 and soon became a dedicated orchid grower. His brother Ron was a member was a member as well at the time and I am not sure who started who in the interest of orchid growing but they both became very successful growers.

Col and his wife Berry my wife Pam and I became close friends over the years and we had many happy times together. Col's interest in orchids was like everything he had an interest in, he had to give it 100% to be satisfied.

I had the pleasure of being involved with him and his orchids over many years and always found him to be overly generous to any one starting out as a new grower, giving away many boxes of quality orchids at meetings.

Unfortunately Col's health deteriorated and he was forced to sell his collection and spend the last of his years in and out of hospital.

I consider myself very fortunate to have known Col and have him as a friend. He will be sadly missed by the many people who were lucky enough to have him as an orchid growing friend.

We will always remember him as a good honest bloke and friend.

Keith Marsden

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ANNUAL COMPETITION RULES.

The monthly popular vote competition is divided into two groups- Advanced and Novice. The members elect to enter either group when joining the society depending on their previous experience in orchid culture. The member who receives first place in the novice section each year goes up to the advanced group. Plants are tabled in both the advanced and novice groups under the following sections.

ADVANCED SECTION.

CATTLEYA- OVER 75mm PAPHIOPEDILUM
CATTLEYA- UP TO 75mm PHALAENOPSIS
VANDACEOUS- OVER 50mm ONCIDIINAE
VANDACEOUS- UP TO 50mm SPECIES

DENDROBIUM- MISCELLANEOUS

NOVICE SECTION.

CATTLEYA ONCIDIINAE VANDACEOUS SPECIES

DENDROBIUM MISCELLANEOUS

Plants must be own 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 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 flowering 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 shall be declared the winner.

JUDGES CHOICE COMPETITION.

Three members which will include two accredited or associate AOC judges will be nominated in the ROSI newsletter each month to select three plants from all those tabled as being outstanding blooms of the night. The grower receiving the greatest number of points shall be the winner.

COMPETITION PRIZES.

In winning a voting section or Judges Choice at each monthly meeting, cash prizes of \$3-00 per popular vote winner and \$5-00 per Judges choice will be presented at the Christmas function held at the end of each year 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 and is awarded to the member/owner of a plant receiving the highest award/points for an orchid but if no plants have been awarded for the year then the trophy will go to the best prize winner of an orchid show. In the case of a draw the trophy will be shared and also be presented at the Christmas function.

(The allocation of the trophy in this section may be changed pending a decision by members)

BEST ORCHID EXHIBITOR - ANNUAL SHOWS.

(Aggregate Trophy)

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 ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY Inc or have attended at least (2) official functions of the ROSI. This includes monthly meetings, social functions or ROSI shows.



8 and 9 June 2013

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In support of Little Haven Palliative Care, Gympie A TRIENNIAL SHOW AND CONFERENCE OF THE SUB TROPIC ORCHID COUNCIL QUEENSLAND

Correction.

In last months newsletter I had the annual subscription as \$15, not so the annual subscription is **\$20**. Please accept my humble apologies. **Ed.**

Milk & Eggs

This is a story which is perfectly logical to all males:

A wife asks her husband "could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk if they have eggs get six."

A short time later the husband returns back with 6 cartons of milk. The wife asks him "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?" He replied "They had eggs."



Hello everyone. It was wonderful to catch up with you at our first meeting for 2013 on January 22nd. I wish you all a year ahead filled with fun and fellowship and successful orchid growing.

Terry and I enjoyed a fabulous cruise over

the holidays on the luxury liner Celebrity Solistice. We boarded the day before Christmas Eve and our stateroom balcony overlooked the Opera House and Sydney Harbour. We had a whole day to explore the ship and soak in the view. WOW! We set sail 6 pm Christmas Eve and cruised to Melbourne for Boxing Day where Terry and our brother-in-law Tony went to the MCG to watch the Test Match, while Terry's sister Bev and I (and my wheelie walker) braved the Boxing Day Sales!! Then we sailed around New Zealand for 12 nights. Our ship was spectacular with 2500 passengers and 1500 crew to spoil us. The decorations and Christmas Trees on every deck were a sight to behold and everyone said how lucky we were to have a cruise that encompassed both Christmas and New Year! We could never have a more exciting New Year's Eve. The Captain stood at the top of the magnificent staircase and counted down to New Year and there was music and dancing on every deck. The Staircase was lined with greenery and red poinsettias. The weather was very kind to us, the food delicious and the entertainment excellent. Bring on our next cruise!!

We welcomed some new members at our last meeting. Richard and Diane Cornale from Calliope joined. They have been growing plants for many years. Richard said his dad was a keen gardener – but only vegies – things that could be eaten! They are members of the Boyne/Tannum Orchid and Foliage Society, the Gladstone Orchid Society and many Bromeliad Societies. They have a daughter Amanda and son-in-law Steven and four grandchildren aged from 18 years to 18 months. Richard is an Associate Judge in the current batch of students being trained. March is a very important month for them - Di's birthday is 7th March and Richard's Birthday is 8th March and their Wedding Anniversary is 15th March. I know you will all be saddened to learn that Richard and Di lost 90% of their plants in the recent flooding on 27th January, a sad blow after 30 years of collecting. Our hearts and prayers go out to them as they try to recover from this devastating blow. They will be partially covered by insurance for plants and buildings. Our thoughts and best wishes are with them. You will remember that we visited them during our Field Day in March 2012.

Jeni Scott also joined our Society last meeting. She lives at Calliope and we visited and admired her collection on the Field Day. She is also an Associate Judge. She is a very bright enthusiastic lady who says "orchids are her life". She is a member of Boyne/Tannum, Gladstone, Bundaberg, Societies and Calliope Garden Club. She has been interested in gardening all her life but became more involved with orchid culture from 2008. She has a son in Brisbane who is also a very keen gardener. Jeni and her sister took over running Calliope Coaches from their parents in 1997 and sold out in 2008 but Jeni is still driving a bus (a school run). Her Dad "Steggie" told Terry at the Field Day that he remembered a lot of us "oldies" in the Rocky Society, from driving Gladstone/Calliope members on inter-club visits to our City back in the 70's and 80's. Sadly he died on December 21st and we send our love and sympathy to Jeni.

Lorraine and Bryan Weaver told me they had a wonderful time over Christmas with their family, mostly at their beach house at Emu Park. Their daughter and son in law and son and daughter in law from Blackwater and their families enjoyed the festive time with them. Lorraine said the

Life Savers all knew her as she had a swim every day.

Jan and John Hogan spent Christmas in Mackay with their daughter Jessica, and spent a week or so there. Jessica and her partner Raj have opened an Indian Restaurant in the Shopping Complex off Nebo Road.

Terry and I were on holidays when Eric Gill passed away and I have just been speaking to his wife Muriel. She told me he died on Boxing Day at 8 pm. The funeral was delayed until family members could return home from Switzerland and Norfolk Island. Muriel said that their four sons, their daughter and spouses and 18 grand children and 21 great grand children were all at the funeral. I have always admired Eric and Muriel for the love and devotion they shared with one another and their family. They had been married for 61 years. Eric had a very large funeral as he was a man of great integrity and held in high esteem by so many people. Our love and prayers are with Muriel and their family.

Jeff and Norma Glover welcomed a grand son, Brennan Brett Jeffrey Glover, born on 28th January (during the floods). His parents are Jeff and Norma's son, Brett and his wife Kaitlyne. Brennan is Jeff and Norma's second grand son. Their daughter, Kristy and her husband Tom have a little boy, Flynne who is 21 months old. Needless to say there is great excitement in the Glover household.

Happy Birthday to those celebrating in February: Richard Mann and Zoe Kidman 2nd; John Sorensen 6th; Karen Carr and Carol Hine 18th: Dot Rebetzke 21st: Keith Shanks 23rd: Terry Breingan 27th:

March Birthdays: Clarry Smith 6th: Helen Hilse and Di Carnale 7th: Don Meier and Richard Cornale 8th: Gwen Breingan 10th: Jeff Bloxsom, Lynne Mann and Maxine Maunder 11th: Bob Lakey and Theo Ledwy 12th: Karen Williamson and Sandra Rowcliffe 13th: Terry Dean 21st: Fred Rosel and Kevin Logan 24th: Daphne O'Brien 27th; Gloria Wakefield 29th.

May you all have a wonderful celebration on your special day.

Bye for now. My love and prayers. Ellie Dean

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What do you want in your newsletter?

This is to give your newsletter editors an idea what you want in your news letter. You have no need to put your name to it but I/we would appreciate the mark – **Male / Female**.

Please fill this in and return via E/Mail or to the next meeting, it is important to us. Ed.

(Circle your choice)

Society information.	Yes	No
Cultural notes. Species	Yes	No
Hybrids	Yes	No
Articles from various authors. (E.g. Friendii)	Yes	No
Awarded Orchids. S.T.O.C.	Yes	No
A.O.C.	Yes	No
R.O.S.I.	Yes	No
Ellie's Column.	Yes	No
New growers Report.	Yes	No
Orchid Show Diary.	Yes	No
Jokes.	Yes	No

Any further suggestions would be greatly appreciated as it is a huge task to come up with some new articles each month. **Please write your suggestions below.** If you have any questions (31) regarding the culture of any genera, E/Mail us and we'll do our best to find a grower who can advise you on your chosen subject. **Ed.**

Gympie Orchid Fest Trip.

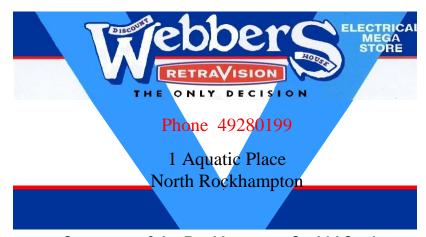
The trip to Gympie on the Queens birthday in June is going well but there have been a few cancellations consequently we have a few seats that needs some bums on them, so if you're planning on going I would suggest you get in touch with Jeff as soon as you can and start saving your pennies.

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Your Orchid Diary 2012

March 9-10 Beaudesert OS

March 16 CIOS Show Childers

March 29-31 QOS

March 29-April 1 Gladstone O&F Show

March 30 Nambour OS Coolum

April 11-13 Sunshine Coast OS Show

April 20 South Burnett Orchid Show

April 21-22 Rockhampton

May 4-5 Gympie Expo

May 10-12 Noosa

May 10-11-12 Bundaberg OS

May 25-26 Boyne/Tannum OS

July 6th – 8th Caboolture Orchid Soc

August 11 – 12th Maroochydore Orchid Soc

August 31 Sept 1Childers & Isis District Orchid Society Spring Show

August 31 Sept 1 Nambour Orchid Soc

2013 June 8-9 STOQC Orchidfest Gympie

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