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Editors notes

Well the first of our two annual shows is over, and again another successful one thanks to the dedication and hard work of our president Jeff, the committee and members. Due to time constraints with the publishing and distribution of this newsletter there will be no winners list or photos from our "Orchids in Autumn" show but I promise you our May newsletter will contain all of these.

Our tri-annual field days on the 14th & 15th March were very successful with our visitors leaving after enjoying a great social weekend. Aside from a small glitch with meals at our Saturday night dinner and a couple of problem chairs at the venue we must congratulate and thank Jeff Bloxsom and his committee on a job well done organizing this event. Many thanks also go to all who did a fantastic effort cooking for weekend and to those who opened up their collections for the attendees. Hearing our visitors comments everyone was most impressed with our society and member collections especially since we had battled the force of cyclone Marcia just a few weeks prior. A pat on the back for everyone who participated! A few photos of the weekend are below.



Rosie & Ken Smith



Multi Draw Raffle Table



Richard & Lynne Mann



John Hughes and Ellie Dean



Dinner at the Allenstown Tavern



Group at Peter & Toni Jenkinson's Home

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

The closing date for articles to be included in the next newsletter are to be received by the 6th of May; articles received after that date will be included in the following month. Ed.

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Judges for the Meeting

J. Glover T.Dean

B Hilse R.Smith

NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday. 28/04/15
at 7.30pm**

**Plants to be tabled by
7.15pm**

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

AOC – TQOC CONFERENCE - MACKAY IN SEPTEMBER

DUE TO A SUBSEQUENT DROP IN NO'S ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE

THUS INCREASING THE COSTS UNREASONABLY

A COMMITTEE DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO REDUCE THE TRIP FROM 3 NIGHTS

TO 2 NIGHTS – **SUNDAY 20TH TO TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER**

WE ARE STILL STAYING AT THE CORAL CAY RESORT MOTEL – NEBO ROAD

WE WILL BE TRAVELLING UP EARLY SUNDAY NOT SATURDAY

AFTER ARRIVING WE WILL SPEND THE REMAINDER OF SUNDAY AT SHOW

SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER WILL STILL BE A BUFFET DINNER AT OUR RESORT HOTEL

MONDAY WE WILL BE VISITING SOME LOCAL ATTRACTIONS -

QUEENS PARK ORCHID HOUSE AND MAYBE A TRIP

TO EUNGELLA NATIONAL PARK. OR YOU MAY SPEND THE DAY AT THE CONFERENCE

WE WILL BE ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE BAR-B-QUE ON THE MONDAY NIGHT

THERE WILL BE A LARGE MULTI-DRAW RAFFLE AND AUCTION AT THAT FUNCTION

THEN TRAVELLING HOME TUESDAY WE MAY BE ABLE TO CALL IN AND VISIT

MAX & SUE ROWLINGS AT SARINA.

AT OUR LAST MEETING THE COST WAS INCREASED TO \$350 A HEAD AND WOULD HAVE
TO BE INCREASED MORE IF WE PERSISTED WITH A 3 DAY VISIT.

THE COST OF THE TRIP NOW WILL BE \$260 EACH TWIN SHARE – THIS INCLUDES
EVENING MEALS & BREAKFASTS, COACH TRAVEL AND ACCOMODATION.

I HOPE THIS CHANGE WILL ENCOURAGE SOME MORE MEMBERS TO COME ALONG

THE CHANCE TO ATTEND AN AOC/TQOC CONFERENCE THIS CLOSE TO US DOES NOT
HAPPEN OFTEN. WE WILL ALSO PUTTING IN A SMALL DISPLAY.

AS WELL WE WILL BE SPONSORING A SECTION OF THE SHOW

IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND YOU NEED TO NOTIFY US ASAP

JEFF BLOXSOM - PRESIDENT

Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.
Annual General Meeting Tuesday 24/3/2015

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

President's report: As circulated in the newsletter, 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 Sandra Rowcliffe Seconded Nat Lakey carried.

Treasurers Report: Presented by Bill Richardson (as per report) moved Bill Seconded Sue Eggleshaw 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 open.

Jeff handed the Chair over to Peter Jenkinson.

Election of Officers

Patrons:

President: Jeff Bloxsom = Elected unopposed
Vice President: Peter Jenkinson = Elected unopposed
Secretary: Trish Craig = Elected Unopposed
Treasurer: Bill Richardson = Elected unopposed
Committee: (1) Jeff Glover = Elected unopposed
(2) Jenny Moore = Elected unopposed
(3) Terry Dean = Elected unopposed
(4) Moyna Richardson = Elected unopposed
(5) Bob Lakey = Elected unopposed
(6) Ellie Dean = Elected unopposed

Librarians: Jack Martin = Elected unopposed

Peter Shelton = Elected unopposed

Editor: Sandra Rowcliffe = Elected unopposed

Assistance Editor Jenny Moore = Elected unopposed

New Growers Leader : Keith Marsden Accepted.

Public Relations: Ellie Dean Accepted.

Registrar: Terry Dean Accepted.

Technical Advisors: John Frisch Accepted

Jeff Glover Accepted

Terry Dean Accepted

Providors: Maxine Maunder Accepted

Door Monitor: Ellie Dean & Accepted

Lorraine Weaver Accepted

Property Officers: Faye & Barry English Accepted

Hostess/Host: Ellie Dean Accepted

Lorraine Weaver Accepted

Plant Caretaker : Terry Dean Accepted

Web Master : Bob Lakey Accepted

Jeff Bloxsom President

Gloria Wakefield Secretary

General Meeting
Tuesday 24/03/2015

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New members; Frank Foley, Tony March.

Visitor:

Lucky Member: 36 Jenny Moore.

Minutes: of previous monthly meeting was moved by Ellie Dean second by Alan White. Carried.

Correspondance : In = Newsletters, Boyne –Redcliffe District Orchid Society Inc., Pioneer River Orchid & Plant, Townsville Orchid Society Inc., Gympie & District Orchid Society Inc., Nightcliff Orchid Society, NSW Orchid News, Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society, Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra, Nambour Orchid News, STOCQ, Australian Orchids Review, Orchids Australia, Orchids Australia (Subscription), Fitzroy Pres Church, Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society Inc.

Post Office, Bev McArthur, Memberships= R & D Cornal, B, Ledwy, M, Lyons, M, Warry, L, Carter, T & D Welch, K & P Wilson, K & Y Logan, S, Price, M, Kehl. John Rees, Australian Orchid Foundation.

OUT = Nil

Read and Moved Gloria Wakefield Seconded by Ellie Dean Carried

Treasurers Report: Bill Richardson Read and moved his report seconded Ken Smith Carried

New Growers: Keith Marsden thanked everyone that helped him last year, and the first New Growers will now be held at Peter & Toni Jenkinson on the 28th March Please bring a plate & chair. (96)

General Business: Jeff talked about the dinner at the Allentown Hotel. 18- 19th April Show Theme “ Orchids in Autumn “. With displays to be left as they are, Webbers will donate the Raffle Prize for the Show. Price for the Dinner at the Show will be \$15.00 per person for members. Mackay Trip now \$350.00 per person leaving Rockhampton on Saturday staying at Coral Cove Resort for 3 nights.

Plant Commentary: John Frisch did the Commentary very informative talk thanks John.

Lucky exhibitor: Bernard Hilsie.

Raffle; Karen Carr, Lorraine Weaver, Lionel Reeves, Terry Ahern, Jeff Bloxsom, Joy

McCarthy.

Meeting closed : 10.30 pm.

Next Meeting; 28th April 2015

Jeff Bloxsom President

Gloria Wakefield Secretary

Monthly Competition results - March 2015

(Plants tabled: Advanced 41; Novice 36)

Judges Choice

Aerdv. Renee Gerber 'Lapburi'
Van. Pine Rivers 'Wassana'
Bc. Hawaii Stars

J&M Bloxsom
 J&M Bloxsom
 M&CF Dahler

Popular Vote, Advanced

Cattleya over 75mm "Lc. Blue Korat" (not registered)
 Cattleya up to 75mm *Rth.* Burana Beauty
 Vandaceous over 60mm *V.* Crownfox Diva
 Vandaceous up to 60mm *Aerdv.* Renee Gerber 'Lapburi'
 Dendrobium *Den* " Burana Candy" x *Den.* Chao Praya Gem
 Miscellaneous *Ctsm.* Susan Fuchs 'Burgundy Chips'

J&S Frisch
 J.Hogan
 J&M Bloxsom
 J&M Bloxsom
 J&S Frisch
 T&E Dean

Novice.

Cattleya *Bc.* Hawaii Stars
 Vandaceous *V.* Roberts Delight 'Big Black'
 Dendrobium *Den.* "Jade Junior" (not registered)
 Species *Gur. bowringiana* var. *coerulea*
 Miscellaneous *Phal.* "Orange Lover" (not registered)

M&C Dahler
 M&C Dahler
 S.Rowcliffe
 C.Schultz / A. White
 S.Rowcliffe



Bc. Hawaii Star's>

<*Vasco* Pine Rivers 'Wassana'



Aerdv. Renee Gerber 'Lapburi'



New Growers Report.

The new growers had the pleasure on having their first meeting for this year at the home Of Peter and Toni Jenkinson at Olive Estate. On arrival the members were able to look over their orchid collection and gardens before afternoon tea.

The problem plant section was next and I encourage members to bring their plants along and receive the answers they require.

President Jeff addressed the members on the coming show and the future trip to Mackay later in the year.

Peter then told the members how he and Toni became interested in growing orchids and what being a member has meant to them.

We then discussed on what we would like to do this year. I was pleased with the suggestions the members had for this year and will do my best to achieve these requests.

I was also pleased with the number of members who invited us to their places to hold our meetings. Thank you again for your assistance.

The afternoon raffle completed the meeting giving the winners a plant or two to add to their collections.

My thanks to Peter and Toni for their kind invitation to have our meeting at their home.

Thanks to all the members who donated plants for the raffle and to all who helped in making the afternoon the success that it was.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday the 2nd May at the home of Ray and Gay Bills at 143 Emmerson Drive Glenlee starting at 2.00pm. The usual plate for afternoon tea and a folding chair if possible.

Keith Marsden

Below I have repeated an article which was in a previous newsletter which may be of interest, I am currently having a problem with these pests in my green house, so thought other members could also be experiencing this. Ed.

Symptoms and Treatment of Chewing Pests Cockroaches and Grasshoppers

Symptoms: Cockroaches and grasshoppers cause damage by eating flowers, roots and new growths.

Cockroach Deterrence: Cockroach baits can be spread in the growing area or a paste of boric acid, sugar and flour mixed with water can be spread in every nook and crevice you can find. Don't get any of the stuff on the plants themselves. Another approach is to water and then flush a mix of liquid Sevin (1 tsp/gal) through the pot.

Grasshopper Deterrence: Crush the grasshoppers with a brick, shoe, etc. Partially bury jars filled with molasses and water and remove drowned victims the next day.



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Synthetic Pyrethroid Insecticides article supplied by John Frisch

Origins - In their battle for survival against constant insect attack, many plants have evolved defense mechanisms based on botanical compounds that are toxic to insect attackers. One of the earliest of these botanical insecticides to be discovered was pyrethrum. Pyrethrum occurs in several species of *Chrysanthemum* but by the mid-1800s, it was recognised that the pyrethrum derived from *C. cinerariaefolium* was more toxic to insects than the pyrethrum extracted from other *Chrysanthemum* species. Hence, most commercial pyrethrum production is now based on *C. cinerariaefolium*. Pyrethrum extract contains a complex mixture of six different active ingredients called pyrethrins. Thus, for naïve insects to develop resistance to pyrethrum, they must simultaneously develop resistance to each of the six pyrethrins. This would require six favourable mutations to occur simultaneously. The probability of such an event occurring is effectively zero. Because of this, resistance of naïve insects to pyrethrum has never been recorded and pyrethrum is therefore still in widespread everyday use.

When used as an insecticide, pyrethrum has the advantage of being highly toxic to insects but lowly toxic to mammals including humans. However, pyrethrum is very rapidly de-activated when exposed to environmental factors including heat, air and sunlight. Deactivation can occur within hours. This lack of residual activity substantially limits the use of pyrethrum in agriculture and horticulture and in any outdoor situation where long-term insect control is required. Scientists therefore began modifying the chemical structure of the various pyrethrins to improve their stability while maintaining their desirable characteristics. These chemicals, which were first used in agriculture in the 1970s, became known as the synthetic pyrethroids. Continual development has resulted in the production of an extremely wide range of synthetic pyrethroids and there are now more than 3,500 registered products that contain either pyrethrins or synthetic pyrethroids. Current generation pyrethroids have greater stability and much greater insecticidal activity than previous generation pyrethroids. Unlike pyrethrum, which contains six active ingredients, most synthetic pyrethroid formulations suitable for use on ornamental plants contain only one active ingredient. Thus, a single favourable mutation within the pest population is all that is required to confer resistance to that active ingredient. The occurrence of such mutations is a certainty and continued use of the particular active ingredient will result in the development of a pest population that is increasingly resistant to the active ingredient. To minimize the risk of this occurring, it is recommended that any single class of pesticide is used sparingly and that various classes of pesticide are used in rotation. In this respect, the synthetic pyrethroid pesticides complement the neonicotinoid pesticides.

Some Synthetic Pyrethroids

Most synthetic pyrethroid pesticides can be recognised as such because the active ingredients end in ‘-thrin’ or ‘-ate’ eg bifenthrin (eg. Talstar, Procide, Fivestar 80SC), permethrin (eg. Ambush, Pounce 500), tau-fluvalinate (eg. Mavrik) and fenvalerate (eg. Sumifly). The range of pyrethroids, their various formulations and their different uses are now so great that it is beyond the scope of this article to list them all or to enunciate their uses. Because of these complexities, it is essential to follow all label directions whenever any synthetic pyrethroid products are used. Also, when choosing any product for use on your orchids or companion plants, always ensure that the product is registered for use on ornamental plants. This is essential because some product formulations contain solvents that can cause severe damage to ornamental plants.

Insecticidal Activity

Both pyrethrins and the synthetic pyrethroids affect the nervous system of insects which results in paralysis and causes a rapid ‘knock-down’ effect. However, both pesticide groups have relatively low mammalian toxicity. This is because they are rapidly deactivated by metabolic processes in the liver, an organ that insects do not have. Although both pyrethrins and pyrethroids have low toxicity to most mammals (permethrin is toxic to cats) and to birds, both pesticide groups are extremely toxic to aquatic organisms including fish and insect larvae. When using products containing these compounds, care must therefore be taken not to contaminate waterways.

The insecticidal activity of current generation pyrethroids is several times that of earlier generation pyrethroids. Consequently, only minute amounts of the active ingredient are required to kill most insects whether these are pests or non-target species. Deltamethrin (eg. Cislin) is considered to have the highest insecticidal activity of all of the synthetic pyrethroids.

As a group, the pyrethroids are relatively stable when exposed to sunlight, air and moderate temperatures. Thus, depending on the product formulation; some pyrethroids (eg. deltamethrin, bifenthrin) can have long-term residual activity. This makes them very suitable for the control of both ants and cockroaches. However, pyrethroids are not translocated throughout the plant or through soil. Thus, unlike the neonicotinoids (see January 2015 ROS Newsletter), the synthetic pyrethroids have no systemic activity and insect pests are killed only by direct contact or by ingestion of the pyrethroid that adheres to the plant surface. When treating infested plants with any pyrethroid product it is therefore important to ensure complete coverage of all of the plant surfaces. Likewise, if insects infest the roots of the plant (eg mealy bug), it is unlikely that they will be effectively controlled by any of the readily available synthetic pyrethroid formulations. In these situations, a suitable systemic insecticide (eg Mallet, Confidor) should be used.

All of the synthetic pyrethroids listed below have broad spectrum activity against both chewing (eg: caterpillars, beetles, thrips) and sap sucking insects (eg: bugs including armoured and soft scales, mealy bugs, white flies and aphids). In addition to controlling insects, both tau-fluvalinate (eg. Mavrik) and bifenthrin (eg. Talstar, Procide, Fivestar 80SC) kill many species of mites (which are arachnids, not insects) that can infest a wide range of plants including orchids. This feature differentiates these pesticides from the neonicotinoids (see January 2015 ROS Newsletter) which, although having broad-spectrum systemic activity against insects, do not kill mites. During periods of high insect or mite activity, a fortnightly preventative application of the tau-fluvalinate or bifenthrin products is very effective in achieving complete control of these pests. The addition of a spreader-sticker (eg Bond) to the pyrethroid spray solution will increase both “rain fastness” and the interval over which the product remains effective.

Toxicity

Although the prime method of controlling pests should always be through the use of appropriate cultural methods, the situation will invariably arise where pesticides will be required to protect your plants. When this occurs, the choice of pesticide should be determined not only by its effectiveness but also by its toxicity to both yourself and the general environment. A convenient measure of acute toxicity is the Oral LD50 ie. the amount (expressed as milligrams of the test substance per kilogram bodyweight of the test animals, generally rats) required to kill 50% of the test animals when administered as a single oral dose. A substance is considered to be:- highly toxic - Oral LD50 <50mg/kg; moderately toxic - Oral LD50 from 50-500mg/kg; lowly toxic - Oral LD50 from 500-5000mg/kg; very lowly toxic - >5000mg/kg. Thus; the higher the LD50, the lower the toxicity and *vice versa*. Table 1 shows the toxicities of some commonly used synthetic pyrethroid products compared with those of other commonly used products *viz.* aspirin, salt and alcohol.

Table 1. Comparative toxicities of some synthetic pyrethroid products

Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Acute Oral LD50 (mg/kg)	Common Usage
Talstar*	Bifenthrin	>5000	Insecticide, Miticide
Mavrik 2F*	tau-Fluvalinate	>5,000	Insecticide, Miticide
Cislin*	Deltamethrin	>15,000	Insecticide
Baythroid*	Cyfluthrin	>5,000	Insecticide
Ambush*	Permethrin	>4000	Insecticide

Note (1) Even commonly consumed compounds such as aspirin, common salt and alcohol, like all compounds, are toxic to some degree. (2) Pure active ingredients of the synthetic pyrethroids are not available to the general public. Therefore, the LD50 values that are shown are for the diluted, or “as applied” solution of the formulated product. Values for the pure active ingredients are always lower (ie more toxic) than for either the formulated product or the diluted solution. For example, the oral LD50 for tau-fluvalinate (the active ingredient of Mavrik) is 261mg/kg (ie moderately toxic).

The formulated product, Mavrik, contains only 7.5g/litre of tau-fluvalinate and this is the reason that Mavrik has an LD50 of 1050mg/ml (ie lowly toxic). When Mavrik is used to control insect pests it is diluted at 1:100 with water. Hence, the LD50 for the actual spray solution (as shown in Table 1) is so high (>5000mg/ml) that the solution is considered to be of very low mammalian toxicity. Similarly for the other synthetic pyrethroid products. Nevertheless, as is the case when using any pesticides, all safety procedures and all directions relating to use of those products must be strictly observed. (3) All of the synthetic pyrethroid formulations in the “as applied” concentrations shown in Table 1 are classified as very lowly toxic to mammals. This is also true for other synthetic pyrethroid formulations that are available for general household use. Nevertheless, there is often the perception that regardless of effectiveness, all pesticides that are not “natural” or “organic” are “highly toxic” and must therefore be avoided. Rather, when most modern pesticides (including synthetic pyrethroid formulations registered for use on ornamentals) are used according to the directions on the label, they are not only very effective for controlling pests but are also comparatively safe to use. Despite this, our aim should always be to minimize the use of any and all pesticides through the implementation of appropriate cultural practices.

Friendii

Some more photos from our Field Days



Zoe Kidman and Margaret Lyons



Jeff Glover



Lovely Ladies



Shirley and Bernard Hilse



Ellie's Corner

Hello everyone. Welcome to Ellie's Corner for April 2015. The advent of monster cyclone Marcia on 20 February caused much worry and discomfort for some of our citizens with loss of electricity and damage to homes and gardens. Some people were hit harder than others but thankfully, there was no loss of life. We all coped as best we could and many of us were aided by the kindness of others.

In spite of all the turmoil our Tri Annual Field Weekend with our orchid friends from Bundaberg, Gladstone and Boyne went ahead as planned on 14th and 15th March in our fair city. It took a great deal of effort behind the scenes (especially for those members being visited). President Jeff, as usual, rose to the occasion and had to make a few changes to venues as a result of the cyclone. I feel events like this cement our friendships with fellow orchid lovers and I know our members who take part thoroughly enjoy these occasions. The Field Weekend was like a family get-together.

Our scheduled Annual Meeting for February had to be rescheduled to March due to cyclone Marcia. This meeting was a happy and harmonious affair with all positions filled. The new committee has already met planning our Autumn Show, and discussing the AOC Australian Show in Mackay in September. I would like to commend our new Editor Sandra Rowcliffe for producing a Newsletter prior to our Annual Meeting in such record time.

Our much loved former member, Ed Treacy died on 5 March and his funeral took place on 13 March. He was 93. Fr Gilbert, his parish priest, talked about Ed and his long and eventful life. He was seriously ill on many occasions but his courage and his Christian faith brought him back. I am sure many of us will remember Ed and his wife Elva sitting at the front door selling tickets at our Shows and the joy they both showed when they travelled on coach trips with our Society. Elva told me Ed often used to say how much pleasure it brought them being members of our Society. Terry and I visited Ed in hospital during his final illness so I feel we had the opportunity to bid him farewell. Fr Gilbert said that the devotion shown to Ed by Elva and their son Hunter was truly amazing. They sat with him every day. Rest in Peace, dear Ed, our love and prayers go with you to heaven.

Ray and Gay Bills missed the trauma of the cyclone as they were holidaying in Tasmania at the time. Their property did not suffer too much damage in their absence. Part of the shade cloth lifted on top and caused some sun burn to plants. They had a great two weeks driving around the lovely state of Tasmania. Among highlights was Hobart with the interesting and beautiful gardens, Port Arthur, Arthur River Cruise and the murals at Sheffield.

I was recently talking with Bev McArthur. She is feeling much better and thanks members for their thoughts and prayers and get well messages. She also says thank you to the Society for advertising her orchid house and collection. She has sold them and is keeping just a few of her orchids. She is moving to Settlers on 30 April where she will be able to keep a small orchid collection. She is looking forward to attending our functions and being on the coach trip to Mackay in September. All the best, Bev.

Marilyn and Jeff Bloxom recently lost their little dog Mindy. She wandered into Lawrences Motors about 13 years ago and sat at Jeff's desk. Naturally she went home with him and the rest is history! She has been a beautiful, faithful and loving little dog who was always with Marilyn. We dog lovers all know what our pets mean to us and how hard it is to lose them (they are family). On a happier note, the Bloxoms are celebrating Easter with their children and grandchildren.

I am typing this on Easter Monday and Terry and I are very excited as my only sister Kay and her husband Rodger arrive from Auckland, New Zealand to holiday with us, tomorrow. We haven't seen one another for 4 years but have lots of hour long telephone calls between N.Z. and Australia!!

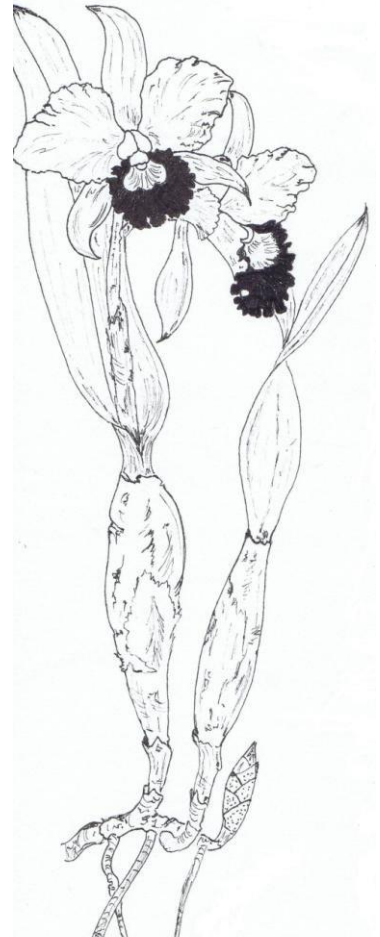
I look forward to catching up with you all at our forthcoming Autumn Show on April 18 and 19. Till then, my love and prayers.

Ellie Dean

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Your 2015 Orchid Diary

May 2nd & 3rd – Gympie ODOS Show
May 8th to 10th – Bundaberg OS Show (Civic Centre)
May 23rd & 24th – Boyne Island/Tannum Sands Show
June ? STOCQ meeting hosted Nambour OS
July 3rd to 5th – Caboolture OS Show
August 7th & 8th – Maroochydore OS Show
September 10th to 12th – Maryborough DOS Show
September 12th & 13th – Rockhampton Spring Show
September 16th to 23rd – TQOC & AOC Conference
and Show Mackay