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Editors notes

This year's weather changes have been very unsettling for our orchid collections with different genera flowering earlier than usual. My Phalaenopsis have been flowering for months, the Zygopetalum which was in flower for our last spring show commenced flowering about eight weeks ago and most likely will be finished before this year's show.

The soft cane dendrobiums are struggling with the lack on continual cold nights causing flower shoots to not form the entire length of the canes as they should do. During the plant commentary at our last general meeting John Frisch spoke on this. He mentioned that these plants require at least a certain number of cold nights where temperatures are below 10 degrees for the buds to form properly down the entire length of the cane. He mentioned that the mature part of the canes were more tolerant and can have flower buds but the higher part of the canes, (as in my case), have keikis forming. It is very disappointing that we have not had sufficient cold nights to be beneficial for these beautiful plants. With our show just mere weeks away, it is now fingers crossed that I will have a better showing in time for our Spring Show.

During our last new grower's meeting Jenny Moore gave us tips on how to present a display. It was most informative for anyone who is considering trying their hand at presenting a display. Some of our advanced growers, who usually put in displays, would most likely be happy to offer assistance to any new growers who would like to put in a display, please don't hesitate to ask for advice.

Our upcoming show has the theme "Orchids on Broadway" and there are many Broadway Shows to choose from to bring the theme into our displays, so thinking caps on everyone. Let's make this the best show ever.(4)



This is my orchid Den. Joyful Heart and you can notice a couple of keikis amongst the flowers.

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 9th of September; articles received after that date will be included in the following month. Ed.

Orchid Society Store

For all your orchid supplies.

Pots many & various as well as many different potting mixes.

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Judges for the Meeting

Terry Dean, Jeff Glover,

Bernard Hilse.

Assistant – Rosemary Wines

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday. 25/08/15
at 7.30pm

Plants to be tabled by
7.15pm

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General Meeting Tuesday 28th July 2015

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: Nil

Visitors: Nil

Lucky Number: (8) B & S Peters

Minutes of previous monthly meeting were approved as correct and accurate.

Moved Ellie Dean Seconded Bernie Peters Carried

Correspondence IN

Newsletters: Nightcliff Orchid Soc., Blackwater & District Orchid & Foliage Club Inc., Pioneer River Orchid & Plant Assoc., Mid-Murray Orchid Club Inc., Nambour Orchid News, The Orchid Soc. of NSW, Redcliffe District Orchid Soc. Inc., Caboolture Orchid Soc. Inc., Townsville Orchid Soc. Inc., Childers & Isis District Orchid Soc. Inc., The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Inc., Mackay & District Orchid Soc. Inc., Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Soc., Rockhampton Horticultural Soc. Inc., Bankstown Orchid Soc.

Email from AOC re AOC agendas & reports for AGM & BOM 2015

Email from Rod Shoesmith re societies willing to put on displays and also calling for volunteer lecturers to deliver basic lectures for the general public who attend the show.

Flyer – St Ives Orchid Fair in August

Notice of Eastern District Spring Orchid Show in October

Letter of thanks and receipt from Mackay & District Orchid Society Inc. for our donation of \$680 as our sponsorship of the Vanda section at the AOC/TQOC Conference in September

Invoice from The Australian Orchid Council for \$100 – renewal of membership 2015/2016

OUT Nil

Moved Trish Craig Seconded Jan Rawlings Carried

Treasurer's Report:

There was no treasurer's report as Bill is still overseas.

New Growers: Keith Marsden thanked Sandra and Michael Rowcliffe for hosting a successful new growers repotting workshop at their home. Keith announced that the next New Growers would be at the home of David and Sue Eggleshaw on Saturday 1st August at 2.00pm. Please bring a plate of afternoon tea and a chair as usual.

General business:

Jeff reminded us that the Cent Sale is approaching quickly and that we need to get our wrapped donations to June.

We will not be going to Eungella while at the Conference in Mackay. There is still space on the coach if anyone wants to go. There will be a big Auction of orchid plants at the BBQ on the Sunday night.

Plant Commentary: Thanks to John Frisch for an informative talk on the plants tabled.

Lucky Exhibitor: Peter and Toni Jenkinson

Raffle: Jeff Blossom x 2, Rosemary Wines, Jan Rawlings, Ray Bills, Allan White and Karen Carr.

The next committee meeting will be held at the home of Trish Craig on 4th August 2015.

Meeting closed at 8.46pm.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th August 2015 at 7.00pm.

Jeff Blossom (President)

Trish Craig (Secretary)

Monthly Competition Results- July 2015

(Plants tabled: Advanced 44; Novice 24)

Judges Choice.

Rhy. gigantea
Rhy. gigantea
Paph. venustum

P&T Jenkinson
J&M Bloxsom
T&E Dean

Popular Vote, Advanced.

Cattleya over 75mm	<i>Rth. Twentyfour Carat x Ctt. Aussie Sunset</i>	J&S Frisch
Cattleya up to 75mm	<i>Ctt. Golden Wax x C. Precious Stones</i>	J&S Frisch
Vandaceous	<i>Rhy. Kultana</i>	J&M Bloxsom
Dendrobium	<i>Den. (Yukidaruma x Mild Yumi) x Den. Yukidaruma</i>	J&S Frisch
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. Neridah 'Rudak'</i>	P&T Jenkinson
Species	<i>Rhy. gigantea</i>	P&T Jenkinson
Miscellaneous	Z. B G White	T&E Dean

Novice.

Cattleya	<i>C. Mem. Robert Strait 'Islander Delights'</i>	P&J Moore
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Joyful Heart</i>	S.Rowcliffe
Species	<i>Rhy. gigantea</i>	S.Rowcliffe
Miscellaneous	<i>Cym. Green Eyes</i>	S.Rowcliffe

JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS



Rhy. gigantea – J & M Bloxsom

Rhy. gigantea – P & T Jenkinson



Paph. venustum T & E Dean

New Growers Report.

Saturday the 1st of August the new growers had the invitation to have their meeting at the home of Sue and David Eggleshaw. This is the first time we have had the meeting at Sue and David's as they are just getting started with orchids and it was a real pleasure to have been invited. The afternoon started with a look over the garden and orchids before afternoon tea.

The trouble plant section was next giving the members a chance to ask their questions and receive the answers required. We then had the pleasure hearing from Jenny Moore who addressed the members on how she and her friends started off being involved in doing a display at our shows. Jen gave the members her ideas and how they overcome the first time that they did their display and mentioned the help they received from Ken and Rosie Smith. Many thanks Jenny for your very informative talk to our members. Hope this will encourage some of our newer members to have a go at the next show. The afternoons raffle completed the meeting. My thanks to David and Sue for having us and thank you to all who donated to the raffle and helped in making the afternoon so enjoyable.

The next meeting is to be held at the home of Michael and Carolyn Dahler who live at 93 South Ulam Road Bajool starting at 2.00pm on Saturday 29th of August. If you require directions please phone Michael and Carolyn on 0427 212 364 or home 4934 6164. The usual plate and folding chair and a raffle prize if possible.

Keith Marsden

Keith has submitted the following verse for inclusion in this newsletter.

ORCHID CAPERS

By Grace Burford (previously inserted in Orchids Australia)

We used to have a garden, of simple charm and grace,
with fragrant flowers and creeping things that beautified the place,
With shrubs and trees and well-mowed lawns all pleasing to the eye
where butterflies and singing birds found joy to dance and fly!

It was the kind of garden that brought one peace-of-mind,
and a more inviting place it was impossible to find!
And then the lord and master decided on a change
the garden (heaven help us!) he was going to re-arrange
It need something "different", it was well, a bit "old-hat"
I'll have a go at orchids said he, so that was that!

Now in every nook and cranny, orchids running rife,
he's getting to believe that orchids are all there is to life.
There's orchids in the glasshouse, orchids on the fence,
orchids on the clothes-line (Which doesn't make much sense)
There's orchids grown in baskets, orchids grown in trees,
And I'm getting to believe it – "Orchid's a disease".

I'd love to grow some dahlias, and roses in full bloom
but, he's "into orchids" we haven't got the room.
It's interfered with telly, oh, the programmes we discard,
Once golf was his obsession but now it's Burke's Backyard
So we struggle on regardless and bravely try to smile
And if you're interested in orchids we've got em by the mile.

C. Mem. Robert Strait "Islander Delights"
Popular Vote for P & J Moore
July Meeting





Ellie's Corner

Hello everyone. Welcome to Ellie's Corner for August 2015.

I commence my column with a sad heart as I write about the unexpected passing on 1st August of Beryl Gilotti, wife of George—a long-time member of Mackay and District Orchid Society Inc. Beryl and George had visited Ray and Gay Bills a few days earlier and she was her usual happy outgoing self. George told me she went to bed as usual and then gently passed away in her sleep. Beryl and George have been members at Mackay since the early 80's and Beryl has been Secretary from 1986 until the present day. They were both honoured with Life Membership in 1991, and Beryl received the Orchids Qld Inc. Award Certificate in 2003. They were both on the Executive for the 50th Anniversary Year in 2007 when a coach load of our members visited Mackay for their celebrations. Bev McArthur was the President of MDOS at that time (prior to her moving south and joining ROSI.)

I remember Beryl with great affection. She was an enthusiastic lady who loved life and enjoyed every minute of it. She and George had celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary last year. They used to attend our Orchid Dalliance weekends in earlier times and loved to dance together. (In those days we hired a band for the Saturday night Dinner). Beryl and George have given outstanding loyalty and service to MDOS and Beryl will be remembered not only in Mackay and Rockhampton, but all over Australia where she has touched the lives of so many fellow orchid enthusiasts. Our condolences and prayers are with George and their daughter Sharon and son Chris and three granddaughters, and their extended family, and all the members of the Mackay and District Orchid Society as they mourn the loss of this remarkable lady.

On the home front, we lost one of our Society's "treasures" when Mel Leyden died earlier this week. Mel and her late husband Rex, joined our Society nearly 40 years ago. Mel was a very gentle, sweet lady who loved to read our Newsletters and attend our Shows in spite of advancing years. I will write more about her next month.

Our President Jeff recently had his annual pilgrimage to Cairns for his fishing trip and it was most successful with his best catch - a nice 12 pounder for the dinner table. (See photo).



Bev McArthur is now happily living at Settlers. She recently enjoyed her 80th Birthday which occurred on 24th July. Another resident, Jan, celebrated her 60th Birthday at the same time so she and Bev organised a Party at Settlers to celebrate on Sunday 26th. All the residents of Settlers were invited – about 70 people. Some of Bev's family also attended. It was held in the BBQ area and a great time was had by all. Congratulations Bev.

A report of Lorraine and Bryan Weaver's recent holiday in Lorraine's own words "This year our holiday was to South Eastern Europe and the Greek Isles. First we travelled through eight countries in SE Europe then boarded "Celestial Crystal" for eight days. We left Rockhampton accompanied by 25 other travellers and flew from Brisbane to Dubai. Next we flew to Austria and met our tour Director (Heinz); He was excellent, being a German and living through all the turmoil years he could give personal experience of those years. The formal gardens at Schonbrunn Palace were immaculate. That evening we attended the classical Viennese Concert.

Our next hotel was located right inside the UNESCO listed Plitvice Lakes National Park in Croatia. It takes hours to walk this wonderful scenic wonderland of 26 lakes flanked by thundering waterfalls. We saw two orchids (or we thought they were) growing and took photos. We could not believe the view we got of Athens on arrival. We spent a day walking high up to the Acropolis (certainly tried out my new knee). That night we enjoyed an authentic Greek Dinner and we took part in the usual "plate throwing" which was good fun! Then on to Istanbul where we visited the famous Blue Mosque and the Grand Bazaar and then we re-joined our ship and set sail for the blue waters of the Mediterranean for eight nights and it was wonderful. It would take pages to write about the eight islands we visited. We were thankful for the safe trip and also for the great group of people who travelled with us". THANK YOU, LORRAINE, for your interesting report.

We all have a very busy time coming up with our Spring Show just over the horizon and the Australian Conference in Mackay soon after.

Till next time my love and prayers are with you.

Ellie Dean

SEVERAL OF THE POPULAR VOTE WINNERS FROM OUR JULY MEETING

Ctt. Golden Wax x C. Precious Stones – J&S Frisch



Paph. Neridah 'Rudak' P&T Jenkinson



Rhy. Kultana – J & M Bloxson



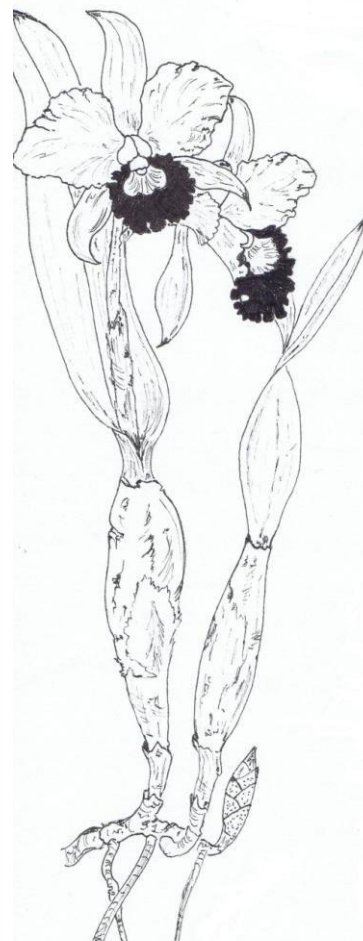
Rhy. Gigantea – S. Rowcliffe



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Your 2015 Orchid Diary

August 28th & 29th – Nambour OS Show
September 5th & 6th – Rockhampton Spring Show
September 10th to 12th – Maryborough DOS Show
September 16th to 23rd – TQOC & AOC Conference
and Show Mackay
September 25th & 26th – Glasshouse OS Show
October 3rd & 4th – Bribie Orchid & Foliage Show
(open benched)