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Editors notes

Happy New Year to everyone. I am hoping you all had a happy and safe break and found extra hours for caring and repotting your orchids. I know I had big plans (bigger than what I eventually achieved) to get a lot done in my orchid house, but I was very busy with garden building and maintenance. Sometimes it does not pay to have a big house block, but on the plus side, my husband Michael is busy building my next three greenhouses (two for my ferns and bromeliads and one for the soft canes), with all the upright posts now cemented into the ground he has started on welding the frames.

2016 hopefully will be a much kinder year for our collections, maybe more rain than last year and we could do with a tad colder winter, (something I am quite happy to do without), but necessary for the prolific flowering of our soft canes.

I have noticed a lot more grubs, grasshoppers and bugs getting around especially the dendrobium beetles, and an interesting little tan beetle the size of a baby pea that congregates in enormous numbers on my natives including lilly pillies causing total leaf drop and death of the branches. Did a google search but didn't come up with any answers, so if you know what they are I would really appreciate any information as some have moved into my greenhouse.

Some important information is below:-

- We have had changes to the dates of both our shows for 2016, below are the new dates.
- The Tri-Annual field trip is the 5th & 6th March to Gladstone.
- Our trainee judges are back into their studies this year with their first meeting on the 17th January.
- Our first general meeting of the year has been brought forward a week because of Australia Day so it will be on **TUESDAY 19TH JANUARY, commencing at the usual time.**
- Membership Fees are due again and our Annual General Meeting will be on TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY and members are required to be financial to be able to vote at this meeting..

Again this year I will require articles for our newsletters so I would be most appreciative of any articles submitted.(102)

CHANGE OF 2016 SHOW DATES



AUTUMN SHOW – SATURDAY 2ND & SUNDAY 3RD APRIL
SPRING SHOW – SATURDAY 1ST & SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER

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 February 2016; articles received after that date will be included in the following month. *Ed.*

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Judges for the Meeting

Terry Dean, Jeff Glover,

Bernard Hilse.

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday. 19/01/16
at 7.30pm

Plants to be tabled by
7.15pm

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Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.
General Meeting Tuesday 27th October 2015

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: Doug Chippendale

Visitors: Nil

Lucky Number: 13 John Frisch

Jeff Bloxsom welcomed the new member and gave him his new member's kit.

Popular votes were taken.

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

Moved Zoe Kidman Seconded Terry Ahern Carried

Correspondence:

In: Newsletters from Pioneer River Orchid & Plant Assoc., Childers & Isis District Orchid Society Inc., Mid-Murray Orchid Club Inc., Nambour Orchid News, Townsville Orchid Society Inc., Nightcliff Orchid Soc., The Orchid Society of NSW, Mackay District Orchid Society, Gympie & District Orchid Society, Blackwater & District Orchid & Foliage Society, Boyne-Tannum Orchid & Foliage Society, Caboolture Orchid Society and Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society.

Orchids Australia magazine – October 2015

We also received emails from

1. the Orchid Society of NSW inviting our President and partner to their Christmas Celebration in Ermington, NSW on 30th November 2015
2. John Rees giving notice of meeting of STOCQ and OCI at the Presbyterian Church Hall in Pialba on 7th November 2015 and a request from John for our show dates for 2016
3. Noel Grundon, Patron of the AOC, to Terry Dean congratulating and thanking Terry, Jeff and our Society for our contribution to the AOC and TQOC Conference and Show in Mackay .He particularly complimented Society members who contributed plants for our display and who also those who tabled plants.

Also received was a receipt for payment for 50 Orchid Books from Bundaberg Orchid Society Inc. and a Thankyou Card from Zoe Kidman.

Out: Sympathy Card to Joan Bruckner and family.

An email to John Rees tendering the Society's apology – inability to attend the STOQC & OCI meetings on 7th November 2015 and supplying Show dates for 2016.

Read and moved Trish Craig Seconded Ellie Dean Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Richardson presented the Treasurer's Report and moved that it be accepted

Seconded Allan White Carried

New Grower's Report: Keith Marsden thanked the Mann's for hosting the last new growers. The next new growers will be held at Keith's & Pam's home at 463 Crane Avenue, North Rockhampton. It will be another potting afternoon.

The end of year new growers' BBQ will be on Saturday, 14th November 2015 commencing at about 5.00/600pm. It will be held at the home of Graham & Maxine Maunder. Bring own food, drinks and a dessert to share. As well as bringing the usual chairs bring own tables if required. Keith also asked for plant donations for the raffle at the BBQ.

General business: Christmas Dinner: Frenchville Sports Club on 29th November 2015. Drinks will be available for purchase from the bar from 6.00pm, doors to the function room will be open from 6.30pm and the dinner will commence at 7.00pm. The Society will subsidise the cost to members. A motion was moved by Bill Richardson to rescind last month's motion to leave the cost to members at \$20 per head and change the cost to members to \$10 per head.

Seconded Maxine Maunder Carried

Jeff mentioned that the multi draw raffle would contain more than \$2500 worth of plants.

The usual Christmas Hampers will be made up by Moyna Richardson. Those wishing to participate in the Secret Santa were advised to bring a present to the value of \$15.

Donation to Australian Orchid Foundation: Bill Richardson moved that we donate \$1000 (same amount as last year) to Australian Orchid Foundation

Seconded B Peters Carried

Next year's trip away will be to the STOQC Conference on 11th and 12th June 2016 in Nambour. The trip will probably be three days.

Plant Commentary: John Frisch showed a plant with a typical colour break in a Cattleya flower. This would normally be an indication of virus infection. Bob Lakey tested a leaf from a plant owned by Moyna Richardson. This plant has exhibited unusual distortion of the flowers which may have been an indication of virus. John then went on to discuss symptoms of virus and also discussed hygiene requirements to help prevent spread of viruses.

Lucky Exhibitor: Jill Howes

Raffle: Sandra Rowcliffe x 2, Keith Marsden, Richard Mann, Diane Hughes, Ray Bills, Tony March.

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Next meeting Tuesday, 24th November, 2015

Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc. **General Meeting Tuesday 24th November 2015**

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: Nil

Visitors: Alan Cunningham

Lucky Number: No newsletter so no lucky number.

Minutes: As there was no newsletter the minutes of the October meeting were not published.

Correspondence:

In: Newsletters were received from Nightcliff Orchid Society, Blackwater & District Orchid & Foliage Club Inc., Pioneer River Orchid & Plant Assn., Mid-Murray Orchid Club Inc., Nambour Orchid News, The Orchid Society of New South Wales, Mackay District Orchid Society Inc., The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Inc., Caboolture Orchid Society Inc., Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society – October & November, Childers & Isis District Orchid Society Inc., Townsville Orchid Society Inc., and Gympie & District Orchid Society Inc.

Emails from:

Boyne Tannum Orchid & Foliage Society Inc. giving details of their new executive after their July meeting and a copy of the schedule for their Orchid & Foliage Show on 21/22 May 2016.

Minutes of OQI and STOCQ meetings at Hervey Bay on 7th November 2015; Schedule for 17th February 2016

STOCQ AGM and OQI meeting to be hosted by Gympie & District Orchid Society; Nomination form for election to a position on the executive of STOCQ (nominations to reach secretary by 6th February 2016); Membership renewal for OQI.

Minutes of the 55th AGM and minutes of the 23rd Board of Management meeting of the Australian Orchid Council Inc. held at Mackay on 21st September 2015.

Australian Orchid Review – October/November

Thank you note from Joan Bruckner

Out: Nil

Moved Trish Craig Seconded Leone Humble Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Read and moved by Bill Richardson Seconded Ellie Dean Carried

New Growers: Keith Marsden thanked Graham and Maxine Maunder for hosting the new grower's Christmas BBQ at their home. He also thanked members for their help and support during the year.

President's Report: Christmas Party will be a buffet dinner as usual. Raffle tickets will be sold at a designated table manned by Peter and Jenny Moore from the beginning of the night.

Dates for 2016:

AGM – February 23 meeting

Triennial Weekend – March 5/6 in Gladstone (one night away)

Trip away next year – June 11/12 in Nambour - Diamond Festival of Orchids (60th anniversary of STOCQ).

The second Student Judging seminar was held at Jeff Glover's home on Sunday 15th November with seven participating students.

There were two award certificates, one to Jeff Bloxsom whose plant received a club award and an Award of Merit to Jeff Glover whose plant received the AOC award at the conference in Mackay.

Plant Commentary: John Frisch gave an informative talk on the plants tabled.

Lucky Exhibitor: Richard and Lyn Mann

Raffle: M Handley x 2, R Mann, J Rawlings, P Rankin, J Howes, D Chippendale, P Jenkinson, R Wines, T March.

Meeting closed at 8.34 pm.

Jeff Bloxsom (President)



Trish Craig (Secretary)



Several of the plants tabled at the November Meeting

Monthly Competition Results- November 2015. (Plants tabled: Advanced 40; Novice 16)

<u>Judges Choice</u>	<i>C. (Lc.)</i> Mem. Robert Strait 'Islander Delight'	P&T Jenkinson
	<i>Ons. (Colm.)</i> Catatante 'Kilauea Karma'	P&T Jenkinson
	<i>Lyc.</i> Fairy Gold	B&H Hilse

Popular Vote, Advanced.

Cattleya over 75mm	<i>C. (Lc.)</i> Mem. Robert Strait 'Islander Delight'	P&T Jenkinson
Vandaeae over 60mm	<i>V. Somsri</i> Sunset	T&E Dean
Vandaeae up to 60mm	<i>V. Wacharin</i> =(<i>V. Yip Sum Wah</i> x <i>V. Sagarik Gold</i>)	P&T Jenkinson
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> Aung? Cheng	J&S Frisch
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph.</i> Gwenda Overett	T&E Dean
Phalaenopsis	<i>Phal.</i> Sinica Sunday	T&M Handley
Oncidiinae	<i>Ons. (Colm.)</i> Catatante 'Kilauea Karma'	P&T Jenkinson
Miscellaneous	<i>Lyc.</i> Fairy Gold	B&H Hilse

Novice.

Oncidiinae	<i>Onc.</i> Ruth's Rainbow	M&S Rowcliffe
Encyclia Hybrids	<i>E. Bees' Knees</i> x <i>E. tampensis</i> var. <i>alba</i>	M&S Rowcliffe
Miscellaneous	<i>Den.</i> Masako Taki 'Blue'	M&S Rowcliffe

JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS



C (Lc.) Mem. Robert Strait 'Islander Delight'



Ons. (Colm.) Catatante "Kilauea Karma"



Lyc. Fairy Gold

New Growers Report.

The final New Growers Meeting for 2015 was held on the 31st October at our home and was a repotting workshop. This was very successful and many thanks to the club for supplying the pots and potting medium. Also thanks to everyone who supplied a raffle prize and brought a plate for afternoon tea.

The Club's Christmas BBQ was held on Saturday 14th November and was well attended, many thanks for everyone who bought donations for our free raffle which is always well received. This year the venue was changed to the home of Graham and Maxine Maunder and I would like to thank them for their hospitality.

Our next new growers meeting will be held on Saturday 27th February and the address will be announced in the February Newsletter. We are always looking for hosts for these meetings so if you would like members to visit your home so they can view your collection please advise what month suits you.

The dates for 2016 New Growers Meetings will be –

February 27th, March 19th (a week early because of Easter), April 30th, May 28th, July 2nd (June meeting), July 30th, August 27th, September 24th (a week early because of our Spring Show) and October 29th. The Jenkinson's will host the February Meeting & the Rowcliffe's will host the October meeting, but all the other dates are still available.

Keith Marsden

Suggested tips for new growers.

1. If you purchase a plant anywhere other than reputable nurseries ensure they are disease and pest free. Scale, mites and other nasties are visible so you can offload them; it's what's in the mix that you can't see that can present an ongoing problem in your bush house. A bucket of insecticide in which you can dunk your pot will bring most to the squashable surface. Don't however be too heavy handed with the dunk or you will float out a lot of loose mix. (Wear protective gloves) Isolation from your established plants is a good idea until you are absolutely sure the nasties (if any) have all departed.
2. When you bring "new" plants, to keep your watering regime on a level scale they need to be repotted in into your standard mix, which of course can differ with different genera. Repot when your plant is in active growth, which can be any time of the year with hybrids and a specific time with species.
3. In you bush house; have a bin (with a lid) so all the fallen leaves and spent flowers, along with their stems, which you always cut off with sterile cutters can be placed daily.
4. A plant dies in the pot – get it out of the bush house! It may have died from a disease you have missed in your daily rounds. If you have plant on the suss side, take it out and have it checked by the advanced growers at you next new growers meeting, or let it take its chances outside.
5. After you discard the dead, diseased or dying plants NEVER reuse the medium, sterilise the pot with a strong bleach mixture before reusing. Old mixes of bark or sphagnum are great used on your garden beds as a mulch or even dug in.
6. On inspecting you plants daily, if one is loose in the pot – stake it so it is firm, loose plants (of any genera) never flourish as they can't make a stable root system. Crooked plants don't bench well so ensure you have them staked firm and straight with room for forward growth.
7. Nobody can tell you when to water. Your bush house has its own distinctive microclimate. This is perhaps the hardest thing to learn (if one ever does). No two seasons are the same so you must study your plants. There can be two reasons for problems – Dehydration- under watered or Drowned - over watered. If you think you are over watering knock one out of its pot you will find the some of the roots in the centre of the pot, black and going rotten, consequently they are not getting any sustenance to transfer to the plant. Under watered you will find the roots, dry, flaccid and lifeless.

Hymn.



New Year Wishes from Dr. Greg Wheeler

Peter Shelton received Christmas Greetings from Greg who has now retired from his busy life as a doctor and is enjoying his retirement. He asked that his wishes for the New Year to be passed onto all members who remember him. Greg was a doctor in Emu Park for many years and a much valued member of our society.

Jeff Bloxsom (President) presenting
Jeffrey Glover with his certificate for
The Australian Orchid Council Inc.
Award of Merit
Paphiopedilum Saint Swithin 'Krisett'





Ellie's Corner

Welcome to Ellie's Corner for 2016. I do hope you enjoyed the blessings of Christmas with your families and friends. May the New Year bring you health and happiness and successful orchid growing. Our Christmas Party and Presentation of Trophies, held at the Frenchville Sports Club on Sunday 29th November, was the usual happy affair with over 100 people attending. Thanks are due in no small part to our "event's organiser" (*aka. Jeff Bloxsom*) for the time and effort that went into the planning, and also on the night. Members enjoyed the social part and there was much happy chat. Terry and I were delighted to receive three trophies (Popular Vote, Judges Choice and Aggregate points at the two Shows). Congratulations go to Jeni Scott on earning the Outstanding Achievement Trophy.

Sandra and Michael Rowcliffe were the recipients of the Novice Trophy and will now move up to the Advanced Growers' Section. A number of Long Service Certificates were presented. Then it was on to THE BIG RAFFLE. Some people won many prizes – others didn't win a thing ! Never mind, there is always next time.

We all missed Zoe Kidman at the Christmas Party. She was admitted to Hospital with pneumonia on 25th November for eight days and was a very ill lady. She spent Christmas at Yeppoon with her son and daughter-in-law and two boys and her daughter, son-in-law and 2 boys and they all had a lovely time. She told me she is still not 100% but is improving and is looking forward to catching up with us all soon.

Shirley and Bernie Peters had a wonderful Christmas. There were 22 adults and 5 children there for Christmas dinner. Three sons and a daughter and their families plus their daughter-in-law's brother and wife and 2 children.-- a lovely family gathering. Shirley said they had a hot meal and everyone contributed something. We all know what a great cook Shirley is but all she had to supply was the vegies.

I spoke with Bryan and Lorraine Weaver today at their beach house and they have had a great family time over the holidays. In 2015 they had an overseas trip and in September celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Terry and I had the joy of being present at their party given by their children and it was a very happy occasion with lots of love in the air.

Carol McCabe and the members of the Cake Decorators Group donated 150 small Christmas Cakes to Anglicare Christmas Hampers. This is a very generous gift to brighten the lives of others, the real Spirit of Christmas.

Owen March had a fall a few weeks ago and broke his right hip and right arm (above the elbow). He is now in Rehab at the Base Hospital. He has to have a lot of help but is improving and remaining cheerful. Pat spends most of the day sitting with him. Sadly their son Derek died on 26 November in the Wesley Hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with Owen and Pat and their family.

Michael Dahler had an operation on his spine in Brisbane on 7 November. He told me the operation was really successful and he sees the specialist again on 18 January. He is still off work but feels he is making progress. We send our best wishes to Michael and Carol.

Bye for now. My love and prayers,

Ellie Dean

2015 Christmas Awards Dinner Photos

If anyone would like a copy of their photo please email Sandra Rowcliffe on svpsli@bigpond.net.au





Sandra and Michael Rowcliffe winners
Novice Popular Vote for 2015

Ellie and Terry Dean winners of
Advanced Popular Vote, Judges Choice and
Best Exhibitors for 2 Annual Shows of 2015







“ Congratulations to Jeff & Marilyn Blossom on being awarded our club’s **Award of Cultural Achievement** for their plant ***Dendrobium lindleyi* ‘Marilyn’ ACA/ROSI**. This plant was seen by our local panel of judges on 7th November 2015 who awarded it 78 points. It displayed 63 racemes with approximately 24 blooms on each on a very well grown plant. “



ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

AWARDS FOR 2015

ADVANCED POPULAR VOTE	T & E DEAN
NOVICE POPULAR VOTE	S & M ROWCLIFFE
JUDGES CHOICE	T & E DEAN
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT	J. SCOTT
	AM/AOC 81.6 POINTS
BEST EXHIBITOR - 2 ANNUAL SHOWS	T & E DEAN
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES	
YEARS	NAME
50 YEARS	MARTY GUNDER
25 YEARS	CLARY SMITH
20 YEARS	HENRY/MARION WILSON
10 YEARS	TRISH & NEIL CRAIG
10 YEARS	WAYNE & CHERYL HENNY
10 YEARS	BOB & NAT LAKEY
10 YEARS	KEV & EVONNE LOGAN
10 YEARS	GLORIA & RODGER WAKEFIELD
AWARDS FOR YEAR	
JENNY SCOTT	
Aer. Lawrenceae	AM/AOC 81.6
JENNY SCOTT	HCC-ACC/AOC 78.8 - 79.1
Bc. Morning Glory	ACC/ROSI
JEFF GLOVER	
Cyc. (Cynoches) Golden Showers	HCC/AOC
JEFF GLOVER	
Paph. St. Swithin	AM/AOC 80.1
KEN SMITH	
Cty. Burdekin Honey	ACC/ROSI

Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc. Competition Results 2015

Advanced Growers	Popular Vote Results				Judges Choice	Best Show Exhibitor		
	Plants Tabled	No. of Meetings	Popular Votes	Total Points		Autumn Show	Spring Show	Total Points
T&E Dean	69	10	20	30	7	26	14	40
P&T Jenkinson	48	9	11	20	4	6	5	11
J&S Frisch	36	8	12	20		7	9	16
J&M Bloxsom	53	10	9	19	4	3	3	6
T&M Handley	36	10	5.5	15.5	1	5	2	7
W&M Richardson	27	8	3	11	1	2	2	4
K&R Smith	26	6	5	11	3	12	10	22
B&H Hilse	20	9	1.5	10.5	2			
B&N Lakey	47	7	3	10		3	1	4
J&J Hogan	16	7	1	8				
J&N Glover	7	4	4	8	4	6	16	22
N&T Craig	17	6		6		6	3	9
B&S Peters	1	1	1	2	1			
J.Scott						12	20	32
R&G Bills						9	11	20
M.Gunder							3	3
B&L Weaver							3	3
P&J Shelton	1	1		1				
K&P Marsden							2	2
B&F English						2		2
C.Smith							1	1

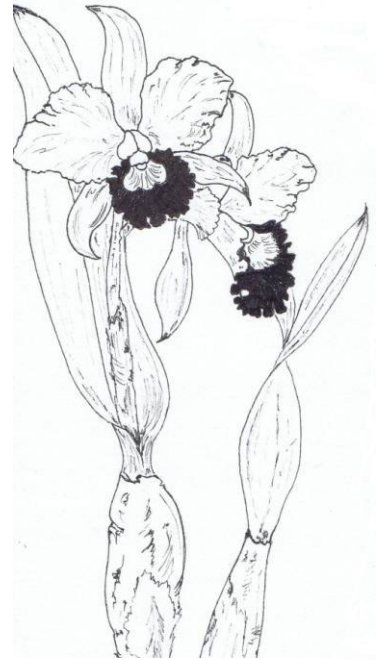
NOVICE

M&S Rowcliffe	68	10	21.5	31.5	1	3	6	9
G&M Maunder	15	8	2	10			1	1
T&J Rawlings	19	8	1	9				
M&C Dahler	12	3	6	9	1	3	1	4
L.Lucke	15	8		8				
P&J Moore	12	6	2	8				
R&L Mann	24	6	1	7				
Z. Kidman	13	6	1	7	1	2	3	5
J.Howes	6	4	2	6		1		1
R.Wines	9	5	0.5	5.5		1	2	3
P.March	6	4	1	5				
D&S Eggleshaw	5	3	1	4				
A.White	11	2	1	3				
P.Rankin	3	3		3				
I.Lovegrove	1	1		1				
G.Davies						2		2
P&D I-Anson							2	2
D.Hughes							1	1

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Your 2016 Orchid Diary

5th & 6th March – Tri Annual Field Trip to Gladstone

2nd & 3rd April – ROSI Autumn Show

11th & 12th June – STOCQ Orchid Conference - Nambour

1st & 2nd October – ROSI Spring Show

Other dates will be added as soon as they are available

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Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month (excluding December) at St Stephens Presbyterian Church Hall, Burnett Street, Nth. Rockhampton. Meetings commence at 7.30pm and plants must be tabled by 7.15pm

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