

Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.



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Editors notes

As I write this we are about to get our first blast of winter with cold winds expected over the next couple of days. I had been thinking that wrapping my orchid house this winter was looking like a waste of time, but with viewing the snowfalls in New South Wales on television tonight, I am really happy that I did.

Fingers crossed the abundantly flowering orchids in my orchid house will appreciate the change of coldness and behave by flowering again for our spring show which is now just eight weeks away. On a positive note the soft cane dendrobiums are now starting to bud, so hopefully we will see some great displays of these at our show. Below I have included photos of these beautiful orchids from our last spring show. (8)

DISPLAYS OF SOFT CANE DENDROBIUMS FROM OUR 2014 SPRING SHOW



AOC – TQOC Conference in Mackay

Sunday 20th to Tuesday 22nd September
Some seats still available on coach. Cost is just
\$260.00 per member (twin share)
Includes evening meals and breakfasts, coach
travel and accommodation.
If you wish to attend you must notify
Jeff Bloxsom (President) ASAP



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 5th of August; 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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12 – 2pm.

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Judges for the Meeting

Terry Dean, Jeff Glover,

Bernard Hilse.

Assistant – David Eggleshaw

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday. 18/08/15

at 7.30pm

Plants to be tabled by

7.15pm

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General Meeting Tuesday 23rd June 2015

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: Nil

Visitors: Leonard Kinnish – Windemere Orchids, Tamborine

Lucky Number: 12 Jeff Bloxsom

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

Moved Ellie Dean Seconded Bev Powell Carried

Correspondence: IN

NEWSLETTERS – Nightcliffe 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, Redcliffe District Orchid Society Inc. Orchids Australia – June 2015

Australian Orchid Review – June/July

We have received a letter from The Orchid Society of NSW announcing that they have been granted the 2018 Australian Orchid Conference to be held 17th to 22nd July 2018.

We also have a letter from FM 98.5 4 YOU regarding advertising.

There is also a letter from AON regarding insurance renewal.

An email from Len Dowling, Gladstone regarding cost of coach trip to Mackay.

Email from Wendy Edison, Darwin regarding joining R.O.S.I. if and when they move to C.Q.

OUT

1. Sympathy card to Zoe Kidman
2. Email to John Rees tendering our apology for the June STOCQ meeting.
3. Email to Gladstone, Boyne-Tannum and Bundaberg inviting any interested members to join our coach trip to Mackay if there is enough room.
4. Email in reply to Wendy Edison

Moved Trish Craig Seconded Keith Marsden Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Read and moved Bill Richardson Seconded Ken Smith Carried

New Growers: Keith Marsden thanked Graham and Maxine Maunder for hosting the last new growers at their home. The next new growers will be hosted by Sandra Rowcliffe on 27th June at 2.00pm.

General business:

The theme for the spring show in September will be 'Orchids on Broadway'

Changes to Container Displays:

The container may be a pot, saucer, basket, part of a hollow tree or any other device to house and support the display. Overall dimensions shall fit within a 50cm square area. A minimum of two (2) flowering orchid plants along with cut flowers shall be in the display plus embellishments using ferns and/or foliage plants and other props which may be used to highlight a theme. The only flowers allowed in the display other than orchids are bromeliads and anthuriums or related types. Flowering orchid plants within the display are eligible for individual judging provided they have a label showing the orchid name on the front with the owner's club number on the reverse side, displayed close to the relevant bloom/s. Container display judging will be based on the overall aesthetic appearance and the quality of all plants included and will be completed before any individual plant judging. No one style of display is ideal. All styles will be of equal value when being judged.

Moved Jeff Glover Seconded Ken Smith Carried

Cent Sale: Sunday 11/10/15 at Feez Street Church Hall. Donations are to be wrapped before delivery to convenor.

Donations above the value of \$15 must have a bow as part of the wrapping. These will go into the multi draw. Food donations must be within the use by date. No second hand goods to be donated.

Members Register will be supplied and must be signed at all New Grower meetings. This is to cover the society for insurance purposes.

A book of by-laws will be established. All by-laws passed from this date will be recorded in this book.

The General meeting in September has been moved to 29/9/15 however the New Grower meeting will stay at 26/9/15.

Plant Commentary: John Frisch gave a concise talk on the orchids tabled at the meeting to allow Jeff Glover's very informative slide show trip to the Taiwan International Orchid Show 2015. (Jeff also has an article about this in the June issue of Orchids Australia).

Lucky Exhibitors: Moyna Richardson

General Raffle: T Dean, R Bills, S Peters, J Hogan, S Eggleshaw, J Bloxson, R Wines T Marsh.

The next Committee meeting will be held at Peter Jenkinson's home on Tuesday 30th June.
Meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Jeff Bloxson (President)

Trish Craig (Secretary)

Monthly Competition Results: June 2015

(Plants tabled:- Advanced 45; Novice 26)

Judges Choice

Paph. Zycleon
Bulb. bufordiense
Ddc. convallariiforme

J&N Glover
K&R Smith
T&E Dean

Popular Vote, Advanced

Cattleya over 75mm

Rlc. Yen Twentyfour Carat
X Rth. Nonthaburi Fancy

P&T Jenkinson

Cattleya up to 75mm

C. Caudebec X Gtr. Why Not

P&T Jenkinson

Vandaceous

V. Susan Ong Ah Mooi

P&T Jenkinson

Dendrobium tie
tie

Den." Salaya Gold" (name not registered)
Den. "Inter Pink" (name not registered)

J&S Frisch
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Paphiopedilum

Paph. Zycleon

J&N Glover

Phalaenopsis

Phal. Alice's Heart

T&M Handley

Oncidiinae

Ons. Wildcat

K&R Smith

Species

Pyp. papilio

K&R Smith

Miscellaneous

Clo. Memoria Lakshmidivi

J&N Glover

Novice.

Cattleya

Rlc. Glenn Maidment x Rlc. George King

G&M Maunder

Vandaceous

V. "Soft Touch" (name not registered)

J. Rawlings

Miscellaneous

Z. Kiwi Choice 'Montville'

S. Rowcliffe

Paph. rothschildianum x Paph. Pinochio
Paph. Zycleon

Dendrochilum convallariiforme

Bulb. Bufordiense



IMPORTANT NOTICE

CHANGE TO R.O.S.I. SHOW RULES

All orchids entered for judging whether in a display, tabled or free hanging, must have a 'Name Label' identifying the plant, in addition to the standard 'Plastic Name-Tag'. The 'Name Label' should be attached as close to the inflorescence as possible either directly to the plant or by means of a suitably unobtrusive support stemming from its pot. The 'Name Label' must include your member number written clearly on the back, and the correct nomenclature and spelling of the name/cross of the plant on the front. A 'Red Spot' marker is to be placed on the front to identify a 'Novice Grower' if applicable. (Available on show set up evening)

If a 'Name Label' is not attached this will signify that the plant is not to be considered for judging; however, this will not result in loss of credit for overall 'Labelling Assessment' or counted as a detraction in the case of display judging. (Examples of Name Labels are below)



CONTAINER GARDENS

THIS SECTION HAS CAUSED SOME CONFUSION IN PREVIOUS SHOWS IN THE DEFINITION OF WHAT IS REQUIRED. HENCE THE NAME OF THIS SECTION HAS BEEN CHANGED TO **CONTAINER DISPLAY**. WE ARE NOT LOOKING FOR A MINUTURE GARDEN ALONG WITH HOUSES AND ANIMALS ETC. BUT MORE AN ARTISTIC DISPLAY OF A SELECTION OF ORCHIDS AND FOLIAGE AND EMBELISHMENTS IN A CONTAINER.

CONTAINER DISPLAY GUIDELINE

It is intended as a guideline that a 'Container Display' should be in a format that displays a selection of the exhibitor/s orchids' enhanced with embellishments of orchid-companion plants and supporting materials in a 'container'. Artistic expression is encouraged within the display and can reflect, but not necessarily follow a show's theme.

Stipulations/Rules are:

1. The container can be of any 'suitable material: for example - large pot/ cane basket / wooden box, but must fit into the allowed 50cmx 50cm space.
2. There is no restriction on height.
3. A minimum of two 'live flowering potted orchids' must be included in the display.
4. To be eligible for judging, an orchid in the display, must have a 'Name Label' (Refer to Show Rules)
5. 'Cut Orchid Flowers' can be included but will not be judged.
6. The only other flowers allowed in the display are bromeliads and anthuriums or related types.

New Growers Report.

On Saturday the 27th June the new growers were invited by Sandra and Michael Rowcliffe to hold the meeting at their home. This was the first of two repotting workshops to be held this year. On arrival the members gathered together and were invited to look over the gardens and the orchid collection before afternoon tea.

We then had the trouble plant section and after this discussion we went straight into the repotting. My sincere thanks to all the experienced growers who gave us their time and assistance with the repotting. We can all recall the time when we were in the same position in repotting our collections. My thanks to the society for supplying the potting mix and pots for the meeting.

President Jeff was able to attend the meeting and talked about the upcoming trip to Mackay in September. Thanks to Michael and Sandra for having us, we all enjoyed the afternoon. Thanks to all who helped in so many ways and to all who donated to the afternoon's raffle. The raffle completed the afternoon.

The next meeting is to be held at the home of David and Sue Eggleshaw at 49 Peppermint Drive North Rockhampton starting at 2.00pm on Saturday 1st of August. David and Sue are new growers who are just getting started and have kindly invited us to their place. Bring the usual plate and folding chair, and a raffle donation if possible.

Keith Marsden

Below I have recycled the article on the Dendrobium Beetle to fill space, being that it is a pest that is always present and is the scourge to all orchid growers. I have included photos of the beetle, a pair of mating beetles and the subsequent larvae that they produce.

Dendrobium Beetle: (*Stethopachys Formosa*)



This pretty little beetle is one of the curses of the orchid grower, we have many pests that try to eat, suck and do other dastardly things to our babies. But the Dendrobium beetle is one you definitely don't want in your bush house. Some people say that they only like our Dendrobiums to eat but I have found over the years that they might have a preference for Dens but really aren't fussed too much what genera of orchid they eat.

The female lays her eggs on the new growths or buds and flowers, but you will mostly find them on new growths and when the eggs hatch out in approximately 10 – 12 days time, the larvae will then tunnel its way into the centre of the stem which will cause the whole stem to die back. They pupate in a white – waxy substance that resembles poly styrene, which is designed to protect the larvae until it becomes adult, this takes around 15 days.

The beetle is detectable by its gold stripe with a black band across the base and 3 black markings in the shoulder region. The larvae is a creamy colour short and dumpy and covered in a slimy goo, then when they advance in the stage towards adult hood they produce a whitish foam and are generally found at the base of your orchid.

They are then at their most destructive stage the adults will eat any flowers, and can decimate new growths as well as new leaves, this can happen in a very short space of time.

Control, first make sure your bush house is insect proof, I consider this is a must to boost your chances of having a grand champion. Some of the learned people will tell you that any spray suitable for beetles will bring about their demise but I have found the block A block B method to be the best. If you find one on a plant, place your hand beneath the beetle and try and grab the little sucker, if you miss him (or her), you'll find that they drop vertically and take it from me if they land on the mix or floor it's virtually impossible to find them. Hopefully they'll lob in your hand, you then decapitate them.

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Ellie's Corner

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

WHAT ABOUT STATE OF ORIGIN THREE - GO QUEENSLANDER!! (I just had to say that). ☺

Jeff and Norma Glover welcomed a new addition to their family on the 7th July. Their first granddaughter Nora Layne Glover at 9lb 7oz is a daughter for their Son Brett and his wife Kaitlyne and a sister to big brother Brennan who is 2. She is the fourth grandchild for the Glovers whose daughter Kristy and husband Tom have two boys Flynn 4 and Hogan 2. Needless to say Jeff and Norma are delighted to have another girl in the clan. They predict she will have to be a tomboy to keep up with her brother and two cousins.

On another subject Jeff and Norma are still very pleased with having had the opportunity to attend the Taiwan International Orchid Show in March. Jeff enjoyed judging at the show and for those members who were at our last meeting and saw Jeff's presentation can now understand why he referred to it as Orchid Heaven. Congratulation goes to Jeff on the publication of his article on the International Orchid Show which spanned four pages in the June issue of "Orchids Australia". The article also contained some beautiful photos – a feast of beauty for us all to admire.

Our editor, Sandra Rowcliffe, is now working for Cumi (Australia) as an administration person. She commenced her new job on 15th June. The Company is associated with the mining industry. They make and install tiles into kilns, pipelines etc. Sandra loves her new employment as she works Monday to Friday from 8.00 am to 400 pm which gives her more time for her gardens and orchids. She is a very bright multi-talented lady and lives her life with great enthusiasm. I would like to congratulate Sandra on our last Newsletter which contained Jeff's article and photos plus lots of other news and photos. I read it all with great interest and appreciation.

We welcomed Murray and Sharryn Burgess as new members in April. They had moved from the Sunshine Coast through Murray's appointment with the Department of Transport and Main Roads. They have two children Emelee (aged 18) and Joshua (aged 16), and Sharryn is a stay at home full time Mum. Murray and Sharryn enjoy playing tennis socially every weekend and watching football on TV. We look forward to them sharing many happy years with us all.

We send our love and condolences to Zoe Kidman whose husband, Rod died on 31st May. He was a resident of New Auckland Place in Gladstone for the past four years. He had dementia which was really sad for him and the family. Rod had two sons from a first marriage and Zoe has a son and a daughter from her previous marriage. Zoe said her children and four grandsons are a source of comfort and joy to her. She said it is a blessing that Rod is now at peace and will suffer no longer. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Zoe.

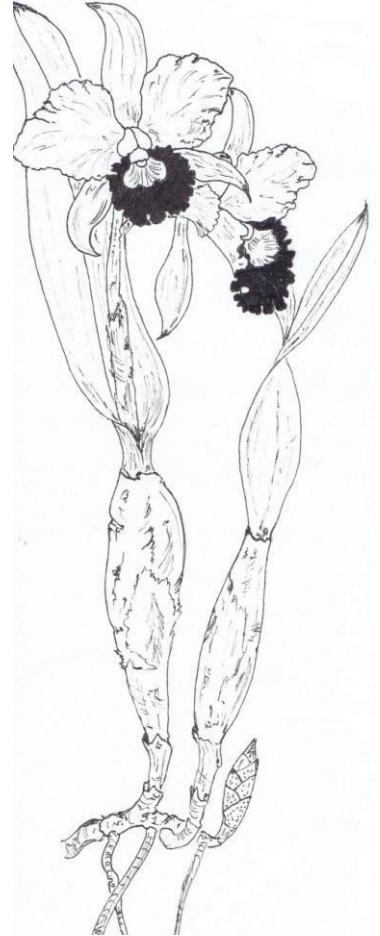
I will have more new members and tales of members' overseas trips to write about next month. Till then my love and prayers are with you.

Ellie Dean

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Your 2015 Orchid Diary

July 24th & 25th – Toowoomba Conference & Orchid Show
August 7th & 8th – Maroochydore OS Show
August 28th & 29th – Nambour OS Show
September 10th to 12th – Maryborough DOS Show
September 5th & 6th – Rockhampton Spring 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)**