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Editors notes

What a big month September was for the club. First our successful Spring Show followed two weeks later by the bus trip to the Australian Orchid Conference in Mackay. Most of us have no doubt grown our orchid collection by at least a plant or more during the month.

Our Society also did well at the Conference winning first prize for our display in the 3 to 9 square metre category (photo▶), well done Terry Dean and his helpers. Several of our members also had individual success with their plants which is indicative of the quality of plants our members have in their collections, there is more details following in this newsletter.

This newsletter is combined for October and November as the Editor is going to have the month of November off as she is going on a 12 Night New Zealand Cruise commencing on 2nd

November finishing off with six days spent in the North Island around Rotorua and Auckland and returning to Rockhampton on the 20th November. Organising the newsletter compilation in my absence was going to be difficult but I will list in this edition the dates of both the October and November meetings, October New Growers & Christmas functions etc.



Please remember these dates!!!!

The year is passing quickly, just over two months till Christmas and that means our Club's Christmas Barbecue on Saturday 14th November. At this stage the Barbecue is expected to be held at the usual location, the home of Terry and Gwen Breingan, further details on this is following Keith's New Growers Report.

Our Christmas Dinner & Awards Night is on Sunday 29th November, and now is the time to start saving for our impressive multi draw raffle of fantastic plants & prizes. There is an invitation with the details on this following in the newsletter.⁽¹³⁾

As it is my last newsletter for the year, I must thank everyone who contributed articles this year. Congratulations to Jeff Blossom and his committee for the fantastic job they have done during the year and to all the Society's volunteers who have assisted in making this Society as successful as it is. The next newsletter will be in January so until then, Merry Christmas to you all, wishing you all a happy and safe time over the festive season.

October General Meeting	Tuesday 27th October	Usual Location
October New Growers Meeting	Saturday 31st October	Marsden's Home 463 Crane Avenue
Christmas Barbecue	Saturday 14th November	Address confirmed at Oct. Meeting
November General Meeting	Tuesday 24th November	Usual Location
Christmas Dinner & Awards Night	Sunday 29th November	Frenchville Sports Club

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 8th of January 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. 27/10/15
at 7.30pm

Plants to be tabled by
7.15pm

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Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.
General Meeting Tuesday 29th September 2015

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: Kathy Perfect, Lyn Niven and Carsten Christenson & Darlene Bowen.

Visitors: Nil

Lucky Number: 7 Karen Carr

Jeff Bloxsom welcomed the new members and gave out new members kits.

Popular votes were taken.

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

Moved Sandra Rowcliffe

Seconded David Eggleshaw

Carried

Correspondence:

In: Newsletters from Pioneer River Orchid & Plant Assoc., Bankstown Orchid Society, The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Inc., Childers & Isis District Orchid Society Inc., Mid-Murray Orchid Club Inc., Nambour Orchid News, Townsville Orchid Society Inc., Redcliffe District Orchard Society Inc., Rockhampton Horticultural Society Inc.

Also received was the show schedule for Nambour Orchid Society Orchid Species Show on 30th & 31st October 2015, Receipt from 4YOU and from The Rock a notification of Term Deposit Maturity.

Out: Sympathy Card to Mel Leyden's family.

Read and moved Jenny Moore

Seconded Diane Hughes

Carried

Treasurer's Report:

As Bill Richardson was away Jeff Bloxsom reviewed the Treasurer's Report and moved that it be accepted

Seconded Peter Jenkinson

Carried

New Grower's Report: Keith Marsden thanked both the Mann's and the Dahler's for hosting the last two 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 either Terry & Gwen Breingan or Graham & Maxine Maunder. Keith should be able to advise which home at the next general meeting. Keith asked for plant donations for the raffle at the BBQ.

Keith also advised that a long time member, Jack Bruckner has passed away.

General business: The trip to Mackay to Orchids in Paradise was discussed. Jeff commented that we were the only Society to bring a coach load of members. It was agreed that it was a great weekend.

The next trip away will be to the STOCQ Conference at Kawana Waters in 2016.

Cent Sale: Donations were requested from members. The Society will buy flowering orchids. Set up time is 11.00am; doors will open at 2.00pm. Those taking food to advise June Shelton, Ellie Dean will do the advertising and Jeff Bloxsom will organise door prize and snap raffles. The sound system which was not working should be repaired in time for the cent sale.

Christmas Dinner: Frenchville Sports Club on 29th November 2015. Doors will open at 6.30 pm – dinner will be at 7.00 pm. Drinks: Non-alcoholic punch and tea & coffee will be supplied. Alcohol is to be purchased by members. The Society will purchase raffle plants from Colours of Eden. The Society will subsidise the cost to members. A motion was moved by Bernard Hilse to leave the cost to members at \$20 per head.

Seconded Peter Jenkinson

Carried

Plant Commentary: John Frisch – a lovely range of plants tabled. Members were asked to give advice on how they grew the Judges' Choice and Popular Choice orchids.

Lucky Exhibitor: Zoe Kidman

Raffle: Karen Carr, Bob Lakey x 2, Marg Handley x 2, Jan Hogan x 2, Jan Rawlings and Sandra Rowcliffe.

The next committee meeting will be held at the home of Jeff Bloxsom on Tuesday 6th October, 2015.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Next meeting Tuesday, 27th October, 2015

Jeff Bloxsom (President)

Trish Craig (Secretary)

Monthly Competition Results, September 2015.

(Plants tabled: Advanced 49; Novice 24)

<u>Judges Choice.</u>	<i>Phal. Mem. Sarah Robertson x</i>	<i>Phal. Chian Xen Pearl</i>	T&M Handley
	<i>Onc. altissimum</i>		J&M Bloxsom
	<i>C. December Snow 'Marque'</i>		M&S Rowcliffe
 <u>Popular Vote. Advanced.</u>			
Cattleya over 75mm	(tie) <i>C. Lynn Spencer 'Cha'</i>		T&M Hanley (tie)
	(tie) <i>C. Mona Pink 'Hiromi'</i>		T&E Dean (tie)
Cattleya up to 75mm	<i>Rth. Chief Flora 'Spring'</i>		T&M Handley
Vandaceous	<i>V. Fuchs Spotted Cat</i>		T&E Dean
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Kean's Baby</i>		K&R Smith
Phalaenopsis	<i>Phal. Younghome Melody</i>		T&M Handley
Species	<i>Den. aphyllum</i>		J&M Bloxsom
Miscellaneous	<i>Onc. Juino's Delight</i>		J&M Bloxsom
 <u>Novice.</u>			
Cattleya	<i>C. December Snow 'Marque'</i>		M&S Rowcliffe
Dendrobium	<i>Den. "Airy Crimson"</i>		M&S Rowcliffe
Oncidium	<i>Onc. Ruth's Rainbow</i>		M&S Rowcliffe
Species	<i>Den. lindleyi</i>		G&M Maunder
Miscellaneous	<i>Phal. Jiuhbao Fairy</i>		M&S Rowcliffe

JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS – SEPTEMBER MEETING



Onc. altissimum – J&M Bloxsom



Phal. Mem. Sarah Robertson x Phal. Chian Xen Pearl – T&M Handley



C. December Snow 'Marque' M&S Rowcliffe

MACKAY CONFERENCE WINNERS

	Display 3 to 9 square Metres:-	1st. Rocky Orchid Society
W&M Richardson:	Champion Vandaceous Orchid, 1 st V.Fuchs Gold 'Adisak'; 1 st Ctna. Topaz Raspberry	
R&G Bills:	1 st Den. White Grace 'Sato', 1 st Den "Airy Crimson", 2 nd Rlc. Capricorn Charm'Aunty A'	
J&N Glover:	1 st . Paph. Michelle Tan, 1 st . Phal. Chian Xen Magpie x Phal. Sogo Yukidan, 1 st . Phal. Nobby's Amy, 2 nd . Phal. <i>amabilis</i> X Phal. Happy Tree, 3 rd . Paph. Red Velvet, 3 rd . Phrag. Andean Fire.	
J&S Frisch:	1 st . Den. Miyuki, 1 st Ctt. Fire Gem 'Capricorn's Frozen Orange."	
T&E Dean:	1 st . Paph. Devil's Canyon, 1 st . Zga. Ashton, 1 st Phaius <i>australis</i> , 1 st . Trt. <i>splendidum</i> , 3 rd . Ctt. Hugh Cragg 'Cloud Forest', 3 rd . Gcy. Kyoguchi 'Fumi'.	
J.Scott:	2 nd . C.Lynn Spencer ,2 nd . C. Mark Jones x C. Jungle Elf, 2 nd . Rhds. Norma, 2 nd . V. Kee Yong Wee,2 nd . V. Thanadee x V. Doctor Anek.	

Jeni also benched many other plants which won numerous prizes, including Class Champion Laeliinae Hybrid.(Ctt. Love Harmony) and Class Champion Exotic Species.(C.*maxima*). Other members also benched plants, with their owners bringing many prizes back to the Rocky area.

New Growers Report.

The new growers held their last meeting at the home of Richard and Lynne Mann on Saturday 26th September. On arrival the members had a chance to enjoy a look over Richard and Lynne's gardens and orchid collection before afternoon tea. It is a credit to them to have their garden and orchids under control considering the year they have had.

Following afternoon tea we had a trouble plant discussion giving members with a concern the answers they needed. Richard then addressed the members on how he got started with orchids and the way he keeps his orchids in good condition. He then played a few songs on his harmonica to entertain the members. Thank you Richard for your help in making the afternoon enjoyable.

We then repotted a Catasetum as this is the time of the year that they are showing their new growth and the ideal time to repot. The afternoon raffle completed the meeting giving the winners a plant or two to add to their collections. My sincere thanks to Richard and Lynne for their invitation and hospitality, and thanks to all who donated the plants and helped in so many ways to make the afternoon the success it was.

The next meeting will be held at our place on Saturday 31st October commencing at 2.00pm. The address is 463 Crane Avenue North Rockhampton and our phone number is 4928 2752. This will be our second repotting workshop for this year with the society supplying the pots and potting medium as in the past. Members may bring a plant along and if required have the assistance of an experienced member to help with re-potting their plant. Please DO NOT bring any overgrown plants along that will take too long to repot. The usual plate and folding chair and a raffle prize if possible.

Keith Marsden



CHRISTMAS BARBECUE – SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

At this stage the Barbecue will be held at the home of Terry and Gwen Breingan 28 Dowling Street North Rockhampton commencing at 5.00pm. If for any reason this is not possible it will be held at the home of Graham and Maxine Maunder 184 Stamford Street, North Rockhampton. Keith will make the announcement of its location at our next general meeting on Tuesday 27th October.

If you are unable to attend this meeting please call Keith on 4928 2752 or Terry and Gwen on 4922 8623 to confirm its location. As per usual bring your own BBQ meal and there will be BBQs supplied for the cooking, nibbles if you wish, a dessert plate to share and raffle prizes as we hold a free raffle on the night and the more prizes the better. You will also need to bring a chair and your own drinks.

JUDGES COURSE INFORMATION MEETING

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER - COMMENCING AT 10.00AM

AT JEFF GLOVER'S HOME - 24 ALYSSA COURT HILLSIDE

If wishing to attend or needing more info. Please phone 4928 7701

or email j_glover@bigpond.com

Judges manuals will be available on the day to purchase at \$5.00 each



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YOU BRING A PRESENT AND RECEIVE ONE IN RETURN OR TWO IF YOU BRING TWO

OF COURSE THIS IS OUR PRESENTATION NIGHT OF OUR ANNUAL COMPETITION PRIZES -
TROPHIES AND AWARDS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR

THE VENUE WILL BE SET UP WITH ROUND TABLES OF 10 AND SQUARE TABLES OF 12
IF YOU WISH TO RESERVE A TABLE PLEASE PROVIDE JEFF BLOXSOM WITH THE NAMES ON
YOUR TABLE AND A RESERVED SIGN WILL BE PLACED ON TABLE WITH MAIN PERSONS NAME
IF YOU DO RESERVE MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHOSE TABLE YOU WILL BE SITTING AT.

THE COST OF THE EVENING IS \$35 A HEAD – **MEMBERS ONLY PAY \$20 EACH**
NO'S ATTENDING WILL BE REQUIRED BY OUR OCTOBER MEETING WITH PAYMENT
YOUR CLUB WILL BE SUBSIDISING THE REMAINDER
AS A CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO ALL MEMBERS

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL COME ALONG TO OUR CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

JEFF BLOXSOM - PRESIDENT



My *Catasetums* and their Relatives Revisited!

by Jeff Glover

In 2004, I wrote an article on *Catasetums* for *Orchids Australia* titled '*My Catasetums and their Relatives*'. Over the ensuing decade, I have maintained my fondness for this genus and its relatives, and thought it timely to review the great strides made in breeding and the current trends 11 years hence.

Arthur W. Holst's book *The World of Catasetums*. 1999, Timber Press Inc. USA. remains the major work devoted to this genera and was the primary source of reference used in the earlier article and will be referred to again in this article. While published in 1999, his work with reference to the species and hybrids both inter-generic and intra-generic within *Catasetinae* remains valid to date. However, it is within the inter-generic level of *Catasetinae* hybrid breeding that over the past 15 years great strides have been made. In 1999 JEM Orchids of Florida, was arguably the leader in this field based on the breeding by nursery owner and proprietor Gene Monnier. Chapter 9, *Hybrids and Breeding Trends*, in Holst's book is written by Monnier, and discusses his work and visions of future hybrid creations. Retrospectively, he gives us some prophetic insights to what is now available to collectors. Without doubt contemporaries, Jumbo Orchids of Taiwan and Sunset Valley Orchids of California USA are now the main contributors to this field of hybrid breeding. These developments attributable to them will be the focus of this article.

While not wishing to become too technical and before these new trends are addressed, it is probably timely to re-associate just where *Catasetinae* fit within the Orchid Family. *Catasetinae* is a sub-tribe within the tribe *Cymbidieae*. *Catasetum*, *Cycnoches*, *Clowesia* and *Mormodes* are genera within *Catasetinae*.

(*Taxonomy of Orchidaceae*, Wikipedia, accessed 3-6-2015). *Clowesia* has been a subject of argument with taxonomists, with the species of this genera being classified by some, as belonging to the *Catasetum* genus. However, for this article they will be referred to as a separate genus. Put simply, *Catasetinae* are related to Cymbidiums and while Cymbidiums are found in the Eastern Hemisphere, mainly in Asia, *Catasetums* and their relatives are found in the Western Hemisphere in Central America and the northern section of the South American continent. Interestingly, other comparisons within the Orchid family along geographic distribution can be made; for example, *Paphiopedilums* are mostly Asiatic in location, while *Cypripediums* (their cousins if you like) are in the main North American and European.

Catasetum pileatum can be considered as the mainstay species within both inter-generic and intra-generic breeding and a search through the RHS register or *Orchidwiz* database will confirm this.



Ctsm. pileatum 'Oro Verde'

59 primary hybrids with *pileatum* are listed in *Orchidwiz* Version 11.3 and it has received 22 awards. Its large flowers and colour variations impart these desirable features to its progeny. However, its downside like all *Catasetums*, is its short-lived flowering, and this has been a factor that has kept many people from growing this genus. Some species flowers last only a few days. The second most popular species for hybridizing *Catasetum expansum* has the same issue. Yet, on the other hand *Catasetums* are multifloral and several inflorescences can initiate from the same bulb over subsequent months. These redeeming features I discussed in length in my previous article and the fundamental point that is still true; is, that on balance when compared to other popular genera, for example in the *Cattleya* family, where there is only one flowering per pseudobulb, you get more flowers per plant with a *Catasetum*. Unfortunately, potential growers often overlook this and the shortness or lack of longevity of flowers remains their focus. It is this potential downside in the main that I believe has been addressed with recent inter-generic breeding.

A footnote at the start of Monnier's chapter in Holst's book gives us a predictor of the direction intra-generic breeding would take. The context of the note recognizes Monnier as a pioneer and leader in the field of *Catasetinae* hybridizing and qualifies that his most acclaimed cross to date was *Catamodes* Black Magic AM-AD/AOS, awarded an Award of Distinction for the blackest orchid flower produced so far, in 1999. Perhaps one of the quirks of humankind is the desire to defy or manipulate nature. It is not that long ago that interbreeding of plants and animals by scientific means was seen as unholy and against the laws of nature. Much like the debate about genetically modified food is considered today. The absence of a truly black orchid flower has been seen as one of these preserves of nature.

As predicted the pursuit of a blacker orchid flower than Monnier's creation continued over the next decade with the defining work by hybridiser and proprietor of Sunset Valley Orchids of California, Fred Clarke, coming to the fore. This culminated in the registration of the now famous 'black flower' Fredclareara After Dark, in 2002. (Orchidwiz, 11.3) Perhaps in a fitting tribute, the registrant has chosen his name as the tri-generic term to denote this orchid, which is allowable under the rules of orchid nomenclature and registration. (Handbook on Orchid Nomenclature and Registration Royal Horticultural Society, 1985)

**Cyc. Golden Showers
'Krisett' HCC/AOC**

When its forerunner *Catamodes* Black Magic's profile is compared, the relational foundation of common underlying species is evident and the line of enhancement of the desired 'black colour' is apparent with the introduction of *Ctsm. tenebrosus*; a species renowned for its very dark variants. Not surprisingly, as suggested previously the great mainstay species for *Catasetinae*, *Ctsm. pileatum*, is also evident in both orchid's lineage as is *Mormodes sinuata*, as can be seen when both are compared in Table 1 and Table 2.



Table 1. The Parentage of *Catamodes* Black Magic (Orchidwiz V. 11.3)

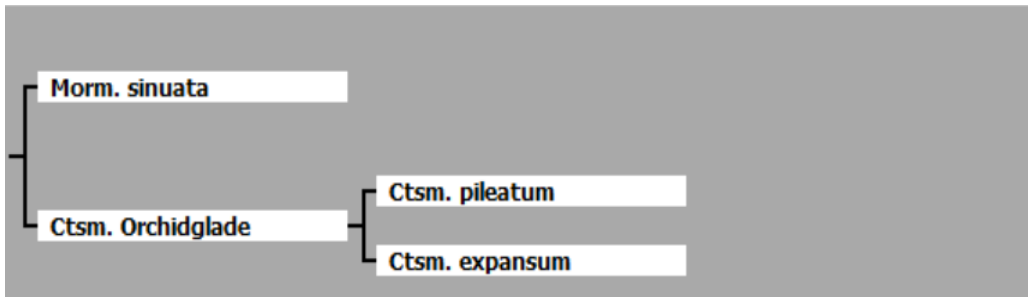
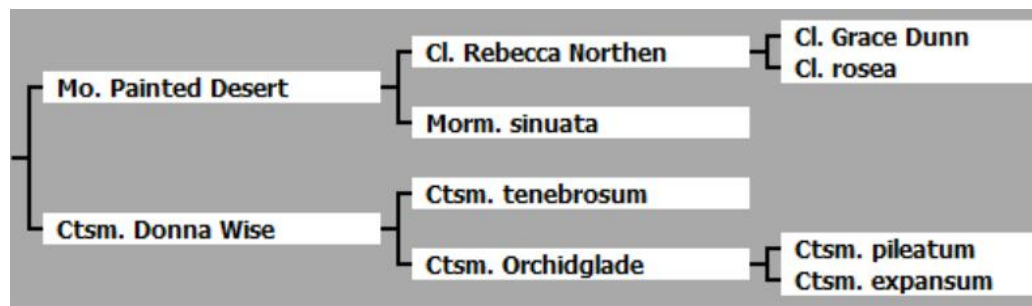


Table 2. The Parentage of *Fredclareara* After Dark (Orchidwiz V. 11.3)



Fdk. After Dark

Fred Clarke has continued his hybridising program and a visit to his website sunsetvalleyorchids.com will give collectors an insight to his ground breaking work within *Catasetinae*. His nursery's mantra is that it is dedicated to the hobbyists /collector and the further development of the Fredclarkeara tri-generic can be surely confirmed with a search of *Orchidwiz* which reveals the latest registration for Clarke being for Fredclarkeara Enter Light in 2014 . Others to follow the 'darkness' are Fdk. After Midnight 2009, Dark Matter, Dark After Hours 2012 and Dark Daze 2013. Likewise, his hybridizing continues with the other genera in the sub –tribe, particularly *Cycnoches* and *Clowesia*.

As a *Catasetinae* enthusiast one can only wait in delighted expectation as to what he produces next.

Meanwhile on the other side of the Pacific the Chen family of *Jumbo Orchids* of Taiwan a name synonymous with *Catasetinae* has continued their breeding programs and contributed some outstanding hybrids by mostly focusing on combining species from the *Cycnoches*, *Mormodes* and *Clowesia* genera and similarly with some *Catasetum* species. Perhaps their most famous creation on a par with *Fdk After Dark* would be *Cycnodes Jumbo Puff*. Registered in 2001 it has received 28 awards (*Orchidwiz* v.11.3), one of these being a plant of mine *Cyd. Jumbo Puff 'Krisett' AM/AOS*, awarded in 2011, which had 28 flowers on two spikes. It is a bi-generic combination of *Cycnoches warscewiczii* x *Mormodes badia*. Most famous was its disputed and controversial, 'pseudo-win' as Grand Champion at the World Orchid Conference in 2011 at Singapore. While the winning plant was named *Cycnodes Taiwan Gold*, extensive DNA testing has since been undertaken that strongly suggest this hybrid to be in fact *Cyd. Jumbo Puff*. However, both plants are still sold as different entities and the controversy still exists. (www.jumboorchids.com, accessed 5/6/2015) *Cyd. Jumbo Puff's* large heavily textured yellow/green flowers featured on up to three inflorescences from the one bulb makes it stand out in any orchid show. Given the right conditions, heat, water and fertilizer these plants can grow canes/bulbs up to 100mm in diameter and 600mm high. Like most *Catasetinae* they are heavy feeders in summer and require a rest in winter. Although in northern parts of Australia they have been known to continue growing through winter making for spectacular displays in the following autumn flowering period.

This orchid's other endearing feature as opposed to *Catasetum* species and primary hybrids is its longer flowering period with flowers remaining viable for up to three weeks from opening. An outcome previously discussed that makes them more attractive to potential growers.

***Cyd. Jumbo Puff*
*'Krisett' AM/AOS***



The *Cycnoches* genus (Swan Orchids) has some truly beautiful species with pleasing colour combinations and high flower counts, with correspondingly large flowers. These features and their longer flowering life than *Catasetum* species, make them highly desirable for hybridizing. Most commonly hybridized include *bathiorum*, *cooperii*, *warscewiczii*, *cholorochilon* and *herrenhasanum*. Of particular note is the primary hybrid between *Cyc. cholorochilon* and *herrenhasanum* which makes *Cyc. Golden Showers*. Many of these species can be seen in *Jumbo Orchid's* creations and a search shows the 'Jumbo' epithet appears numerous times in the Royal Horticultural Society's International Orchid Register.



Cyc. bathiorum 'Krisett' HCC/AOS

As previously mentioned it has been debated as to whether the genus *Clowesia* is a separate genus from the *Catasetum* genus; however, the smaller fuller shaped more numerous flowers of its species such as *Cl. rosea* and *Cl. warscewiczii* do differ in appearance from the larger *Catasetum* species. Many *Clowesia* species also have 'frilly lips' which they impart to their progeny. These features made them very early candidates for hybridizing. In fact it was a *Clowesia* that was the first *Catasetinae* hybrid to be registered in 1959, by the pioneer orchid breeder Goodale Moir. He named it *Catasetum Grace Dunn* (*Cl. roseum* x *Cl. warscewiczii*) as these species were at the time still regarded as *Catasetums*, (Monnier, 1999). To date most *Clowesia* species are seen in the bi-generic cross between *Catasetum* and *Clowesia*, resulting in *Clowesetum*.

Some grexes of note are *Clo.* Raymond Lerner, (*Cl. russelliana* x *Ctsm. pileatum*) registered in 1983 and *Clo.* White Magic both earlier examples of this line of breeding. *Clo.* White Magic is a cross between *Cl. warscewiczii* and *Ctsm.* Orchidglade, which is a cross of *Ctsm. pileatum* and *expansum*. Hence, yet again the two foundational species of *Catsetinae* breeding are featured. *Clo.* White Magic was made and registered in 1986 by JEM Orchids.

Thirteen years later, Jumbo Orchids bred and registered one of many of their *Clowesetum* hybrids, *Clo.* Jumbo Glory 'Jumbo Orchids', which is a cross of *Cl.* Rebecca Northern which contains two *Clowesia* species (*Cl. rosea* x *Cl. warscewiczii*) and *Ctsm.* Bound for Glory. This *catasetum*'s parentage shows yet again the use of the ubiquitous *Catsetum pileatum* which is a parent of *Ctsm.* Bound for Glory.

***Clo.* White Magic
'Krisett' HCC- AD/AOC**



Of the other genera in the group *Mormodes*, (Goblin Orchids) is the most reluctant exhibitor but a most precious behind the scene suitor and appears in many inter-generic crosses. There are 70 or so species and have a reputation of being difficult to grow in cultivation. In Australia they are seldom seen and my experience with them is very limited. They are a very true adherent to the principles of epiphytic growth and it is the most likely genera in the *Catsetinae* family, which all have a propensity to rot if not kept dry during winter, to do so more than any other in the group. (*Catsetinae*canada.weebly.com). *Mormodes* species seen frequently in inter-generic crosses include, *Mor. badia*, *sinuata* and *aurantiaca*. Both *badia* and *sinuata* have achieved notoriety as breeders, with *badia* as a parent in *Cyd.* Jumbo Puff and *sinata*, featuring in the profile of Fdk. After Dark.

In summary, the purpose of this article has been to briefly highlight some of the trends and resultant hybrids achieved over the past two decades and reflect on my association with these orchids. It has been to not discuss cultivation as such, I have addressed that in my previous article and this can be found at the Australian Orchid Council Archive and also at the Rockhampton Orchid Society website for those interested in growing advice. However, if there is one imperative in cultivation worth mentioning again before embarking on your own journey with these much maligned but fabulously diverse orchids; it is to understand that, they must have a 'dry period' throughout winter otherwise, as a grower you are courting disaster as all genera have that strong genetic trait to rot if their natural conditions are not replicated. In recent times the inter-generic hybrids have become more widely available due to the breeding in this field by Jumbo Orchids of Taiwan and Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids of California.



In a bonus for those who attended the recent Australian Orchid Conference in Mackay Qld, Fred Clarke gave lectures and was selling flasks of his latest creations, and Jumbo Orchids was also in attendance.

For those not wanting the challenge of de-flasking, two nurseries have really taken on an interest in supplying these wonderful orchids to Australian growers and have many of both breeders' crosses. They are M&S Orchids of Sarina Qld and Alice's Orchids of Townsville. I am sure both proprietors would welcome any enquires.

I hope you have enjoyed reading about my *Catsetinae* 're-visit' and hope it inspires you to try growing these very rewarding orchids or maybe purchase some of the newer varieties now available to add to your collection.

***Clo.* Jumbo Glory 'Jumbo Orchids' BM/JOGA**

Note: All plants pictured are owned by the owner, and those not photographed by him have been approved for publication by the original photographer.

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1st Place 2015 Spring Show
M & S Rowcliffe



May Meeting Judges Choice
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J & N Glover



Ellie's Corner

Hello everyone – welcome to Ellie's Corner for October/November 2015.

Well I guess we are all still on a high after the big trip to Mackay where our Society was awarded Best Display (3 to 9 sq. metres) at the 20th Australian Orchid Conference and Show (incorporating the 50th TQOC Conference and Show), September 18th to 22nd. There were 8 displays from many parts of Australia in our category. Our display was created by Terry Dean with the able assistance of Norma Glover and Jeni Scott. The logistics of travelling 4 hours to Mackay with cars laden with orchids and staging a display was quite daunting. Terry and Norma and Jeni told me the last hour of setting up was just bedlam following delays caused by a bottleneck in registering late plants. With 60 plants in the display we were very pleased next day to find not only **first** for display but Moyna & Bill Richardson had won Class Champion Vandaceous Orchid and all members with plants in, had won prizes. 25 prize cards all up.

AOC President Jim Shaughnessy presented Moyna & Bill with their trophy after they arrived on the coach on Sunday.



Congratulations to MDOS for being brave enough to take on the staging of an Australian Orchid Conference and Show in a provincial city. Heartiest congratulations to Rod Shoemsmith, President TQOC and Chairman 20th AOC Conference and Show Organising Committee, his treasurer Eve Penningh and all the Committee. It was very obvious that the Mackay Regional Council and many businesses and industries gave great support to this event. We enjoyed the Cocktail Party on the Friday evening and then the gala Dinner on the Saturday evening. The Dinner took place in beautiful surroundings and we had some very interesting companions at our table, including Fred Clarke from the USA who had delivered a most interesting lecture earlier; Keith Smart and his wife from Auckland NZ (they live very close to my sister and family) and our good friends Bob and Deborah Shield from Bundaberg who support our Shows every year. We all had a lot of fun and fellowship. Congratulations to Jeni Scott who was presented with trophies for her Class Champion Laeliinae Hybrid and Class Champion Exotic Species. Jeni really enjoyed her well-deserved time in the spotlight. A very touching moment occurred at the Gala Dinner when Monty Shoemsmith (mother of Rod) was congratulated on her 90th Birthday and presented with a gorgeous bouquet of flowers. Monty now lives in a retirement home in southern Queensland where she is very kindly cared for. She is a legend in Mackay and is the oldest member and a Life Member of MDOS. Terry and I really enjoyed the precious time we spent with her as we have been friends for over 40 years. Also at the dinner, our Society was commended for our commitment to the conference with the display AND a coach load of 45 members arriving on Sunday. (The only visiting coach I believe.) Then on the Sunday all our members who had travelled by coach arrived amid great excitement. We all had dinner together at the Motel on Sunday night and we attended a social barbeque and plant auction Monday night.

Prior to the Conference, Jim Shaughnessy, President of the Australian Orchid Council, had expressed the wish to meet with orchid members as he made his way up the Queensland coast to Mackay. He was in Rocky the weekend before the conference and our Committee members and spouses met with Jim and his wife Thea for tea in a delightful setting at Jeff & Norma Glovers' home. When we all met up again in Mackay it was like greeting old friends with lots of hugs. All in all it was a great adventure meeting old friends and making new ones.

A couple of months ago I received an e mail that I would like to share from NEIL CRAIG, telling us about his marvellous holiday, following is his words:- *"I enjoyed a tour with Speciality Travel called Eastern Europe Discovery in May 2015, Orchid Society members Bryan and Lorraine Weaver were fellow travelers. The trip started in Vienna Austria and finished in Istanbul, Turkey. On the flight over we stayed in Dubai UAE and toured this amazing city in the desert. We travelled by coach from Vienna to Zagreb in Croatia, then to the fascinating Plitvic Lakes. Next we travelled to the Dalmatian Coast in Croatia, visiting Split & Dubrovnik, both beautiful seaside locations, with interesting histories. Our group continued on via Kotor, then inland to the Balkan countries of Montenegro, Albania (very poor country), Macedonia, Bulgaria and finishing in Turkey at Istanbul. It is a thriving city of 15 million people and it has a wonderful history; The city where "East meets West" [ie Europe and Asia]. It was the capital of the Ottoman Empire and was originally called Constantinople from the days of the Romans.*

I left the group and spent a few days on the Aegean Coast of Turkey “recharging my batteries.” I found Turkey to be a very modern, prosperous, dynamic country, with many people in the cities wearing western dress, even though 98% of the population is Moslem. Business and politics have been kept very separate from religion since the days, soon after the 1st World War, when Turkey’s enlightened leader, Kemal Ataturk took control.

I then did a Greek Island tour by ship for 10 days, starting at Istanbul and finishing at Athens in Greece, where I spent 3 days. I was told on my return to Australia that a week after my voyage, this ship collided with a tanker in the Dardenelles . Luckily both ships stayed afloat with no lives lost, but I assume much embarrassment!

I then flew to Paris and joined another Speciality Travel group, which included Orchid Club members Bill and Moyna Richardson. We toured the WWI battlefields of Ypres and the Somme with an ex-military guide, then on to Normandy to see the landing beaches of WW2. It was a very interesting experience.

Following this we travelled to Bordeaux, visiting Mont St. Michael and St. Malo on the French coast. On the way we diverted to see the Bayeux tapestry, which was great.

At Bordeaux we boarded our river cruise ship for a beautiful 8 day cruise of the famous wine regions. This was real luxury and we all drank too much French wine! We also did some very interesting walking tours of Bordeaux, a very historic city. Next we flew to Dublin, in Ireland and commenced a coach tour for 6 days around this country. Ireland surprised me and I saw some picturesque rural and coastal scenery. Luckily the weather was good for most of this touring.

Then home to catch up with everything!”

Bye for now. My love and prayers,

Ellie Dean



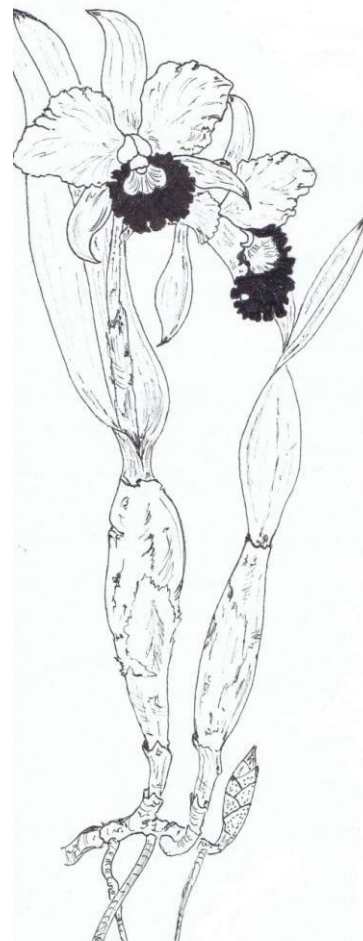
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Your 2015 Orchid Diary

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Redcliffe Library**

30th & 31st October – Species Show Nambour

7th November STOCQ Meeting Hervey Bay