

# Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.



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**Newsletter October 2014**

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## Editors notes.

Well the shows are over for the year and we must turn our mind to other things – like what you ask, go into you bush house and you will see the many orchids that are in need of a new house to reside in for the forth coming 2 or 3 years – you haven't got any you say, I don't believe you, I know I have a multitude to do, some of the poor things have been begging me for months to pot them on and I tell them - "well, you stop flowering and we'll do something about it" – now they have, so a trip to the store to buy the necessary goods and chattels and it's on for a week or so non stop potting. It really is very interesting once you get into it; it's the getting into it that is the problem. As you know my bush house has diminished in size greatly since I moved into a retirement resort, so there will be quite a number of back cuts for sale and quite a few of lesser quality to give away.

By the way how are you going with your repotting, remembering of course that most hybrids (note the word most) continue to grow right through winter. If your orchid is a hybrid and is not in flower with the roots having nice green tips, don't be afraid to repot it, I've done this many times with no damage to the plant at all, except their recovery is a little slower. It takes the burden off you when repot time comes around.

I hope that by now you have unwrapped your bush house; I was a little late in getting the covers off mine and paid a penalty with some dehydrated plants. Because you are only watering once a week or less in cloudy cold weather the plants are kept on the dry side, to have them all of a sudden hit with 30 degree heat magnified by your covers and with little air movement, naturally they are going to dehydrate, especially those hanging high, so will have to watch that next year but hopefully it won't be quite as wacky next season.

Hope you are enjoying life to the fullest extent, you aren't ill; those that are God bless and get well soon your orchids need you.

## The Xmas Barbeque.

The Xmas barbeque will be held on **November the 15th** at the residence of **Terry & Gwen Breingan**

Details – read the new growers report.

**ALL MEMBERS WELCOME**

*Pete & Kate*

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

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**The closing date for articles to be included in the next newsletter are to be received by the 12<sup>th</sup> of November; articles received after that date will be included in the following month. *Ed.***

## Orchid Society Stores

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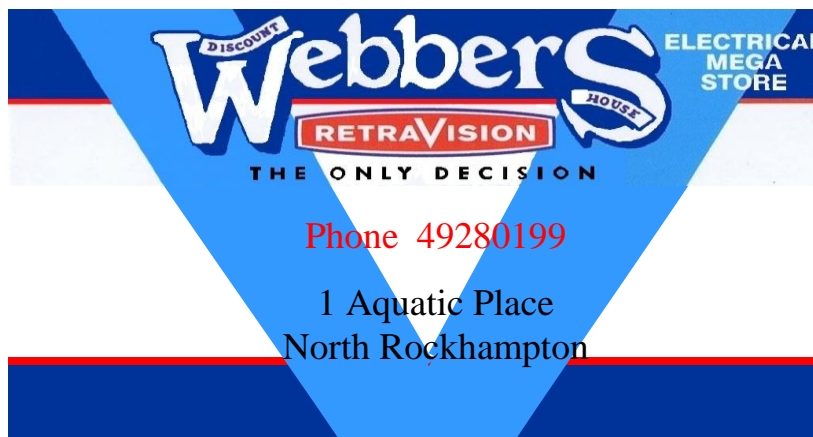
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Judges for the Meeting

J. Glover T.Dean

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**NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday. 28/10/14**

**at 7.30pm**

**Plants to be tabled by  
7.15pm**

## **New Growers Report.**

The new growers were invited by Graham and Maxine Maunder to have their meeting at their home last Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of September.

The hosts made us welcome and invited us to look over their garden and orchid collection

You have to see the size of their back yard to appreciate the work they put into their gardens and lawns, it makes for a good start to the afternoon.

We then had afternoon tea as a prelude to the afternoon's proceedings.

The trouble plant section was next and the problem plants were inspected and discussed giving the owners answers to their problems from the advanced growers present.

We then discussed the removal and potting of kiekies (side growths) on Dendrobium species and their growing requirements as well as soft cane Dens.

The drawing of the afternoon raffle concluded the enjoyable afternoon.

My sincere thanks to Maxine and Graham for allowing us the privilege once again this year, also thank you to the members who donated to the raffle and also the members who helped in making this meeting so enjoyable.

The next meeting for the new growers is to be held on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of November at the home of **Owen & Pat March** of **123 Lion Creek Road** starting at **2 P.M.**

We will have a repotting workshop for the members who would like to bring their plants along and have advice and assistance if required in repotting their plant. There will be experienced members present to help and give advice when needed. The society will supply the potting mix and plants as in years gone by. So come along and enjoy the experience and the afternoon. You can if you prefer, bring your own mix and pots.

## **BARBEQUE AT BREINGANS.**

Terry and Gwen have once again very kindly invited all members of the society to a BBQ at their home at **28 Dowling Street on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> of November** starting at **4 PM.**

We have had this pleasure for many years and this year is the same as in the past, you bring your own food and drinks and a plate of sweets to share. We will be having the same free raffle so donations of plants or gifts will be much appreciated.

Remember this is an invitation to **ALL** members of the society.

A FOLDING CHAIR AND TABLE IF POSSIBLE WILL BE OF ASSISTANCE.

The barbeques will be supplied by Terry and Gwen; this is a great night try to make it if you can.

*Keith and Pam Marsden, Phone – 49282752*  
*Terry and Gwen Breingan, Phone - 49228623*

# Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.

General Meeting Tuesday 23/9/2014

**Attendance:** As per register

**Apologies:** As per register

**New members:** Ann-Maree Hemsall.

**Lucky Member:** 34 Darryl & Leone Humble.

**Minutes:** of previous monthly meeting approved as correct and accurate, Moved Burnie Peters second Sandra Rowcliffe Carried.

**Correspondence: In** = Newsletters, Boyne – Tannum Orchid & Foliage Society. Gympie & District Orchid Society Inc. Redcliffe District Orchid Society Inc. Pioneer River Orchid & Plant Society, Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Bundaberg Orchid Society Inc, Nambour Orchid News, Rockhampton Horticultural Society, Nightcliffe Orchid Society, Maryborough District Orchid Society Inc. Central QLD Bush house Orchid & Succulent Society, Mackay Orchidwise, The Rock President, Caloundra Orchid Society, Bunning's, 4YOU.

**OUT** = Sympathy card to Alice Mannion Moved Gloria Wakefield Second by Bev Powell Carried.

**Treasurers Report:** Bill Richardson Read and moved his report second Ellie Dean Carried

**New Growers:** Keith Marsden thanked Lyn & Richard Mann for having us all go to their house, Next one will be at Pat March's house at 123 Lion Creek Road, please bring a plate for afternoon tea and a chair.

**General Business:** Rockhampton will be hosting the Tri- Annual weekend on the 14 – 15th March 2015. Next year shows will be 18 -19th April & the 12 -13th September. Max & Sue have asked to attend all shows in the future. Moved Ellie Dean that we all acknowledge the work that our president Jeff puts into getting the show up and running thank you Jeff. Letters of thanks to be sent to Arthur Cotton, Bunning's & Webbers for their donations for the Show. Trophies were handed out to M. Richardson, T. Dean, B. Peters, K & R Smith, J. Glover, & Schultz & White. Don't forget the cent sale.

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

**Lucky exhibitor:** Pat March.

**Raffle;** Gloria Wakefield, Lorraine Weaver X 2, Terry Breingan, Craig Schultz X 2, Jeff Glover, Jeff Bloxsom, Gwen Breingan, Trish Craig.

**Meeting closed:** 9:25pm.

**Next Meeting:** 28th November 2014

**Jeff Bloxsom President**

**Gloria Wakefield Secretary**

## Monthly Competition Results.August 2014

(Plants tabled: Advanced: 43 Novice: 24)

**Judges Choice:** *Vasco.* Pine Rivers M & W Richardson  
*C. intermedia* K & R Smith  
*Den.* Capricorn Pink Mist (NR) J & S Frisch

### Popular Vote - Advanced:

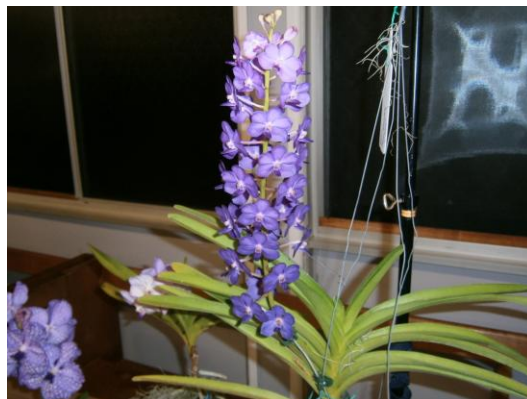
**Cattleya up to 75mm:** *Lc.* Firegem (NR) J & S Frisch  
**Cattleya over 75mm:** *Blc.* Darcy (Tied with) *Slc.* Royal Beau T. Craig & K & R Smith  
**Dendrobium:** *Den.* Capricorn Mist (NR) J & S Frisch  
**Paphiopedilum:** *Paph.* Oriental Mystique x *P.* Onyx T & E Dean  
**Phalaenopsis:** *Phal.* Maki Watanabe B & N Lakey  
**Oncidiinae:** *Beal.* Tropic Lily K & R Smith  
**Species:** *Den.* *lindleyi* K & R Smith  
**Miscellaneous:** *Cym.* Radiant Ruby T & E Dean

### Popular Vote – Novice:

**Cattleya:** *Pot.* C.R.B. Paradise P & T Jenkinson  
**Vandaceous:** *Ascda.* Yip Sum Wah P & T Jenkinson  
**Dendrobium:** *Den.* Burana Jade P. March  
**Phalaenopsis:** *Phal.* Mt Beauty x *Phal.* Pinlong Cardinal Z.Kidman  
**Miscellaneous:** *Z.* Kiwi choice S. Rowcliffe  
(NR) – Cannot find registration.



*Den.* Capricorn Pink Mist



*Vasco.* Pine Rivers



*C. intermedia*

# Orchid Pests and Diseases

## Diagnosis, Treatment and Prevention

by Sue Bottom, [sbottom15@bellsouth.net](mailto:sbottom15@bellsouth.net) (Revision 1)



- **Plant Sap Feeding Insects**
  - Scale
  - Mealybugs
  - Thrips
  - Aphids
  - Whiteflies
- **Mites**
- **Chewing Pests**
  - Snails and Slugs
  - Caterpillars
  - Roaches and Grasshoppers
- **Ants**      Next month

## Symptoms and Treatment of Chewing Pests Caterpillars

**Symptoms:** Caterpillars are the immature stage of moths and butterflies. While not common, they are voracious feeders that can do a great deal of damage to flowers and leaves in a short period of time.

**Treatment:** Caterpillars can be physically picked off the plant and destroyed, check the underside of leaves for their presence. *Bacillus thuringiensis* or Bt is a naturally occurring bacteria of insects, it is a safe and natural product that can be sprayed in the growing area following label instructions.

**Prevention:** Keep the growing area clean of free of fallen leaves and debris in which insect pests and their eggs can hide. Keep the landscape free of caterpillars.

bottom picture courtesy of the American Orchid Society



## 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.

pictures courtesy of the American Orchid Society



## **Excerpts taken from a talk by Sue Bottom.**

Sue is first vice president of St Augustine Orchid society in America, the climate is very similar to ours except ours is a very dry climate in the winter months. She started her talk with the common question we all ask when we are novices.

### **“How often should I water?”**

She then proceeded to guide us through the various considerations and complications that are involved in answering such an easy question. In general, everything depends on the type of medium, type of pot, type of plant, season, location and humidity. After considering these factors, then when do you water?

One needs to consider the season. During the monsoon (wet) season, one waters 2 to 3 times more frequently than winter. In the spring, your orchids are rousing from their winter slumber and you gradually increase the watering frequency. (Of course if your bush house has a shade cloth roof, as most have around here and it rains continuous for days or weeks on end, as it often does in the wet season you pull the pin and let God do the work for you. Ed.) But I digress from Sues talk, she goes on to say, to rehydrate plants in a low humidity period, it is good to water at dusk and then fertilise the following morning, as long as the night time temperature is above 18c. With the arrival of summer, stop night time watering and never water on cloudy or rainy days. As the temperatures increase over 30c, (4) the plant growth slows so they need less water. As the humidity increase, your pots dry out more slowly so your plants also need less watering. Morning watering minimizes bacterial and fungal problems too. With the arrival of autumn, your plants enter a second growth spurt as you will notice in the greening of the root tips. Water more freely and start preparing your plants for their winter dormancy. In the winter greatly reduce your watering frequency.

If you are not watering enough during ANY season, your plants will show you by looking very thirsty and dehydrated. This can be caused by not watering enough when you do water, watering too infrequently, or also by root rot which is caused when your medium becomes rotten and causes the roots to rot as well so they cannot absorb moisture when you do water. She states for hand watering she uses a water wand, water breaker and fogger nozzles for Vandas and orchids on mounts. Always remember to flush your pots regularly.

She then goes on to say one must consider ones water quality. I don't think it is necessary for me to print that as we all know the value of good water quality. In the final analysis, proper light, air and water along with temperature are the most important things to have to be a successful grower. Once you have mastered these, using the correct fertilizer will help give you more and better flowers. As a rule of thumb, over water in the heat of summer and under water in the winter. Use dilute fertilisers with Epsom Salts added each watering and flush your pots regularly.

Good advice, thanks Sue.

Another snippet of advice I read in their excellent news letter was given by Alan Koch owner of Gold Country Orchids in Lincoln, Ca. Alan says in growing your orchids you must study their environment and try to emulate that in your bush house, if you do this your plants (like his) will double in size within a year. He found his plants grow faster and stronger when they are allowed to grow the way they want. Alan then described some of the adaptations that can occur in the natural environment. One species, *Cattleya intermedia*, grows as smaller, less robust plants at lower elevations and stronger, taller plants at higher elevations and thrived. Overtime as



imported honey bees pollinated species growing at the two altitudes, natural hybrids between the two species started growing at intermediate elevations and thrived. If a plant growing at lower levels was moved higher, it would start growing like the other high elevation plants.

Alan went on to say, within a given group of orchids, different species respond differently to the typical growing conditions for that genus. Many *Cattleyas* grow best in a very bright light but there are some like *Cattleya luteola* that enjoy cooler, shadier conditions. If it is grown in bright light, it is also warmer than it likes and it has to use more energy to cool itself off. The net result is that it diminishes the production of flowers.

Another example is *Cattleya schilleriana* a species that breathes and photosynthesizes through its roots. If you put it in a pot, you reduce the carbon dioxide uptake to the plant. Accordingly, it's best to grow the plant on a mount. He suggest that you use panty hose, as after about a year the hosiery has broken down and hopefully the plant is firmly established on it's host. Any plant that photosynthesizes through its roots should be treated in the same manner, or grown in a transparent pot. Another tip is the use of sphagnum moss in a collar method for planting to stop drying out of the medium and therefore good air circulation around the roots. When potting take the moss form it into a ball and put it under the base of the root ball (that is against the plant itself). Next you choose some longer strands of moss, and wrap it around the roots and put it down into the pot. This leaves the bottom half of the pot without any plant material. Then as the plant grows the plant pulls down the moss which in turn allows the air to continue to flow around the roots and the moss to dry out between waterings.

He then discussed the hot season which is when he uses more calcium nitrate. The higher the heat, the higher the humidity, the greater the need for calcium. The calcium nitrate will also react with some accumulated salts in the root zone so they can be flushed out of the pots easier. Any plant that gets rainfall in large quantities is very salt sensitive so it's better to mount these types of plants so they can leach their salt build up better. He also said that all fertilisers are absorbed between 20 to 25 minutes after being applied to the plant, after that time the absorption is complete so if you flush your pots with a lot of water (preferably tank or a purer source) then you can reduce the salts in your pots.

In concluding this article I must say thanks to all concerned it is a great thing that knowledgeable people like that are willing to share their knowledge with other growers. Please forgive me if this is not written to the letter but my memory is on leave.

***Hymn.***

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## **Seedlings Out of Flask.**

**Text by Ian Walters.**

Well you've finally got your hot little hands on that hard to get orchid at last. The only trouble is, it's in a bottle, and how do you get it out of that and flowering in a 6 inch pot??

Not easily as you would hope.

The little babies are fragile and delicate, so check the bottle to see if they are big enough to come out. If not, place the flask in a well lighted area, near a southern or northern window, but out of direct sunlight which will cook the seedlings.

When the seedlings are large enough for you to handle, harden them off by placing the flask under about 90% shade, DRY, for several days. Again, closer to the window for the extra light will do.

Prepare your work area with a sheet of clean newspaper on the bench. Make sure the pot is clean, and the potting media is sterile.

**A mixture of fine bark and shredded polystyrene (isolite), 4 parts bark to 3 parts polystyrene has given excellent results. If your conditions are dry add half a part shredded sphagnum moss or perlite to the mix.**

Sphagnum moss is used a lot by experienced growers, but locally, it tends to break down rapidly. Peat moss should be sterilised wet in an oven bag, 10 minutes in the micro wave, if perlite and peat moss is your choice.

The biggest danger to seedlings is soil and water borne pathogens, so keep everything clean. Remove the seedlings from the bottle, either by washing them out or breaking the bottle. Wash the seedlings in warm water, NOT cold, so that all agar gel is removed. Place the seedlings on a clean sheet of newspaper and allow to dry to dampness.

With a small pot well crocked, (we use 80mm basket pots), pot the seedlings together in a community pot. They like to be together and will do better this way than potted singly. About an inch of potting media is all that is required. Water the pot well and allow to drain. There is a product called *Envy*, can be sprayed onto the seedlings. This coats the leaves and helps prevent the seedlings drying out. It is an aid, not an essential.

To protect the seedlings, it is wise to use a humidity crib. A coolite box with 2 inches of wet sand in the bottom and a sheet of glass over the top will do, sit the pot of seedlings on the wet sand. Cling wrap can also be used with a few holes punched in it to allow air movement. If a sheet of glass is used, ensure it is not sealing the top of the box, as some ventilation is needed. A few notches cut in the box will allow air in. Most seedlings die from too much water. For the next few days, very lightly mist the leaves. Keep the seedlings in heavy shade. Frequent light misting will prevent dehydration and encourage new root growth, without keeping the media wet.

After a few days, the cover can be partly removed and the seedlings watered so that they are just damp not wet. Hormone formula and very weak fertiliser can then be used and the as the seedlings establish the cover can be removed altogether. For the first couple of weeks fungicides should not be used on the seedlings, as a growth inhibiting effect can be caused by fungicides. If there is a problem with fungus or mould, it means the conditions are too wet, so cut the water, ensure ventilation is sufficient and let the seedlings dry out a bit. In fact, most fungus problems in an orchid house can be fixed by reducing water and increasing ventilation.

Once the seedlings are established and grown to the second leaf or a new larger leaf, they can be potted singly into small pots. One local orchid grower whom I wont mention, leaves several seedlings in the one pot (or basket), and when Alf Steel's *Barkerias* flower, there is an instant specimen display.

Growing seedlings from flask is a technique to be learned and once mastered, can be very rewarding, especially when YOUR babies start to flower.

As the weather is starting to warm up I daresay you will be thinking about deflasking those plants from their captive bottle, especially if they are trying to push the stopper out of the flask. So I thought an article like this one might be of some value to you if you have never attempted it before. A tip for breaking a flask is to wrap it in a few layers of news paper and strike the end with a hammer. Ed.

**ROSI CHRISTMAS FUNCTION.**

**ANNUAL TROPHY PRESENTATION NIGHT.**

**DATE 30/11/14**

**VENUE – FRENCHVILLE SPORTS CLUB**

**PREDINNER DRINKS 6 PM – SIT DOWN DINNER 7 PM**

**HOT & COLD SAVORIES SERVED FROM 6 PM**

**TRADITIONAL HOT CHRISTMAS BUFFET**

**DRINKS – BEER/WINE/PUNCH SUPPLIED**

**FREE CHRISTMAS HAMPER – LUCKY DOOR**

**HUGE MULTI DRAW RAFFLE TO \$2,000 IN PLANTS**

**SECRET SANTA TO THE VALUE OF \$15 MINIMUM**

**YOU BRING A GIFT AND RECEIVE ONE IN RETURN**

**OUR ANNUAL PRESENTATION OF PRIZES & TROPHIES**

**COST OF DINNER \$39 – MEMBERS ONLY PAY \$15 EACH**

**NAMES & NUMBERS REQUIRED BY THE OCTOBER G.M.**

**ROUND TABLES OF 10 – SQUARE TABLES OF 12**

**IF YOU WISH TO BOOK A TABLE – LIST WITH NAMES REQUIRED**

**AND GIVEN TO JEFF WITH BOOKING**

**WE HOPE TO SEE ALL OUR MEMBERS ATTENDING**

**AS IT SHOULD BE A GREAT NIGHT**



## Ellie's Corner

After months of planning and organisation the Diamond Jubilee of the Rockhampton Orchid Society celebrating 60 years since its foundation, took place on the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September. The spring weather was perfect for the celebrations enticing the

largest number of patrons for many years. This Spring Show with the theme “Diamond Jubilee” was held at the Rockhampton High School Assembly Hall and this massive venue was filled with thousands of orchid blooms presenting a kaleidoscope of colour. We were proud that a show of this magnitude could be presented by our Society. There were eight displays created by individual and small groups of members plus tabled plants containing a very wide range of genera. A “WOW” factor greeted patrons as they entered to see several tables of specimen sized plants of soft cane Dendrobiums in a multitude of colours superbly grown by John and Sharyn Frisch.

The Champion Orchid was *Vasco*. Pine Rivers ‘Esan’, a beautiful blue Vasco. in pristine condition owned by Moyna and Bill Richardson, and this was their first Champion Orchid. They were both on a high and Moyna told the story of how she had grown this plant for 17 years and managed to have it in peak condition just at the right time!! The plant was later awarded a HCC/ STOCQ (Sub Tropical Orchid Council Queensland).

Terry and my *Phaius australis* was the Reserve Champion. This plant also won Best Specimen and Best Species. It was a real crowd magnet as it carried 13 inflorescences, many of them over 2 metres tall, with lots of attractive brown and pink blooms.

Bernie and Shirley Peters exhibited the Best Exotic Species *Ludisia discolor* – a lovely well grown specimen commonly known as “the Jewel Orchid” because of its stunning foliage. The trophy for the Best Orchid by a Novice Grower went to Craig Schultz and Allan White for their *Zygonisia* Cynosure ‘Blue Bird’. Craig and Allan joined our Society very recently and this was their first show which augers well for their future success.

President Jeff Bloxson had used his creativity and the venue looked magnificent for the Gala Dinner on the Saturday evening held in the hall surrounded by the orchids. There were golden “60 year” signs and special embellishments on the walls and tables. Every guest received a Diamond Jubilee commemorative biro and book mark. It had been suggested to the ladies that they might like to wear extra “bling” (jewellery) to the Dinner and many did so thus adding extra “sparkle” to the festivities. Clarry Smith and his partner Dawn Adams won a prize for the most festive couple. Clarry’s top hat and tie really glittered! Maxine Maunder looked very pretty and I loved the tiara in her hair. Terry Ahern dressed for the occasion and looked great! In fact, I thought all those present (members and visitors) really added the “gala” to the evening by their excited participation. During the evening President Jeff and his wife Marilyn were joined by the three longest serving members Fred Rosel (52 years membership) and Terry and Eleanor Dean (50 years membership), to cut the Diamond Jubilee Cake. This beautiful and delicious cake was made by Marcia Edminstone’s daughter, Elaine Anderson and iced by both of them. We were all very pleased that our longest serving member, Fred Rosel was able to be with us at the Gala Dinner and at the Show.

Alice Zierk from Alice’s Orchids, a long- time supporter of our Society registered a new *Phalaenopsis* grex to commemorate our diamond jubilee. **Phal. ROSI Diamond Jubilee** (*Phal.* Dou-dii Golden Princess x *Phal.* I-Hsin Golden Stone).

She generously donated six flowering seedlings of the grex and the lucky recipients were bonus prizes for the major prize winners of the show plus the raffle. Next spring she will have mericlone plantlets of it available. The evening finished on a high with the drawing of a large multi-draw orchid raffle and a diamond pendant plus more “bling” raffle.

Orchid enthusiasts from many parts of our State, including a bus load of members from Proserpine – (PROPA. -The Pioneer River Orchid and Plant Association) attended our weekend of celebration and we were delighted to welcome everyone. Our members all worked so hard in many areas to present such a stunning event. Karen Carr was in the kitchen preparing and serving the Devonshire Teas (with a great team of helpers) and left the Show on Sunday afternoon to fly to Sydney for a work commitment. Lorraine and Bryan Weaver helped at the Show on Saturday morning and then travelled to Blackwater for their granddaughter Laura's 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday BBQ for family and friends. It was fancy dress and Lorraine and Bryan went as Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta from "Grease"!! Our Diamond Jubilee celebration will always be remembered with great joy by those of us who were privileged to be part of it. Craig Schultz and Allan White recently joined our Society. They bought Fred Rosel's collection 18 months ago. Craig is a truck driver and loves gardening. He and Allan have a delightful garden on one and a half acres. Allan White is a surgical nurse at the Base Hospital. He is also a very keen gardener. As well as orchids they have a collection of large broms and lots of fruit trees. Allan also enjoys renovating houses. We warmly welcome them both.

Graham and Maxine Maunder recently had Graham's grandson, Kobi (aged 9 years), to stay with them over the September school holidays. He is from Ballarat and this was his first flight on his own ever. They took him to Bundaberg with them to see Maxine's 6 years old granddaughter, Lily, perform in her first Eisteddfod with two solos, tap and jazz. Lily achieved a 1<sup>st</sup> for Tap and a 3<sup>rd</sup> for Jazz. She is the daughter of Maxine's son Todd and his wife Sherryn. What a lovely family time they all had.

When Ted Mannion died on 21 August aged 91 years, our Society lost a person we all loved who was a larger than life character. Ted and his gentle devoted wife, Alice were part of our Society for many years and countless bus trips away turned into hilarious journeys with Ted and Alice on board. Ted was the master of witty repartee and loved to tease. He always loved to wear his cap at a jaunty angle and I always thought of him as "the cheeky chap". He will be remembered by his soul mate Alice, their family and extended family, and his multitude of friends to whom he brought so much joy. Our love and prayers go to Alice and their family.

Our sympathy goes to the Glover family as they mourn the loss of Jeff's mother Hazel who passed away on 24<sup>th</sup> September. Terry and I were privileged to attend her service. Jeff delivered the Eulogy and spoke from his heart about his beloved little mother. Although her health was not robust she spent her life caring for others. Jeff inherited his love of gardening from her. She and her husband Richard had a long and devoted marriage. I remember seeing them dancing at a family wedding not so many years ago and thinking that even though they had been married for so long they were still very much in love, and took great joy in one another's company. Our thoughts and prayers are with Richard, Jeff and Norma and their family.

Bye till next time. My love  
and prayers.

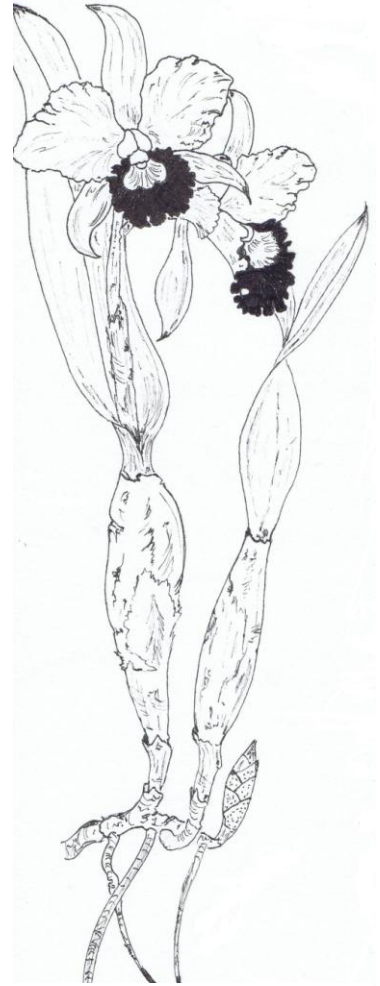
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**October 28<sup>th</sup>** Rockhampton O.S. General meeting  
**November 25<sup>th</sup>** Rockhampton O.S. General meeting  
**November 30<sup>th</sup>** R.O.S.I. Xmas Function

**November is the last meeting for the year 2014. Next meeting is January 27<sup>th</sup> - 2015.**

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