

# Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.



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## Newsletter September 2014

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### Editors notes.

The show is over for a few months and what a show it was, superb is a word I over heard amongst many others but the question asked by so many of the visitors was – “is this really put together by the one society?” – the answer I gave was one given with pride – “yes” – said I, yet I contributed so little. Accolades are due to John Frisch for the many trips he must have made to bring in his magnificent soft canes, how he does it considering he is away from his domain so much. I dips me lid to you John you certainly boost a show.

The sales section was down with Smithy swapping a home to be homeless but leaving his orchids behind at P.J.'s and Blocko being on the crook side it left the sales section wanting. Still the clientele was quite happy.

One must offer our heartiest congratulations to all the prize winners

*Pete & Kate*

This is just a small section of the plants tabled at the spring show



**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 15<sup>th</sup> of October; articles received<sub>(34)</sub> after that date will be included in the following month. *Ed.***

# Orchid Society Stores

*For all your orchid supplies.*

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

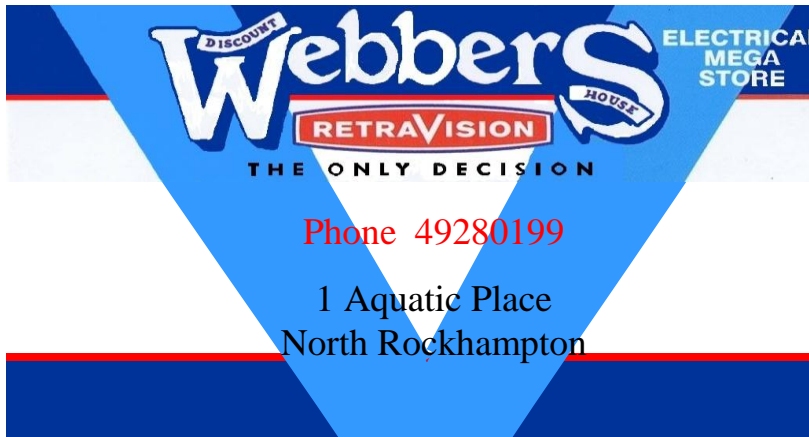
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12 – 2pm.*

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**Judges for the Meeting**

**J. Glover T. Dean**

**B Hilse R. Smith**

**NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday. 28/10/14**

**at 7.30pm**

**Plants to be tabled by  
7.15pm**

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## **New Growers Report.**

Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> the new growers were invited by Richard and Lynne Mann to have the August meeting at their home.

On arrival as usual the members were invited to look over the gardens and inspect their orchid collection before afternoon tea.

Richard and Lynne have quite a large collection of plants housed in their orchid houses, all well grown and a credit to them considering the problems that have beset them over the last 6 months. The problem plant section was next giving the members a chance to receive the answers required from our more experienced growers in attendance.

We then discussed the requirements for our show in 2 weeks time bringing everyone up to date on what is going to happen.

Richard addressed the members on some of his growing methods and how the installing of grow lights in his Phally house has improved their collection.

The drawing of the afternoon raffle concluded the afternoons meeting.

My sincere thanks to all who donated to the raffle and for your help with the afternoons proceedings.

Thank you Richard and Lynne for inviting us again this year, your hospitality was enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be held on **Saturday, September the 27<sup>th</sup>** at the home of **Graham and Maxine Maunder at 184 Stamford Street, North Rockhampton**, starting at **2 P.M.**

The usual plate for afternoon tea and a folding chair would be a great help.

*Keith Marsden*

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### **Vale.**

**Ted Mannion**

**It is with the deepest regret I must inform you of the passing to the great orchid house in heaven, that our dear friend Ted has gone to help tend God's orchids, R.I.P.**

### **MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE:**

**Due to unforeseen circumstances the date of our cent sale has been changed to  
12<sup>TH</sup> OF OCTOBER 2014**

# **Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.**

**General Meeting Tuesday 26/8/2014**

**Attendance:** As per register

**Apologies:** As per register

**New members:** Craig Schultz, Allan White.

**Lucky Member:** 72 Moyna & Bill Richardson & 12 Jeff & Marilyn Bloxsom.

**Minutes:** of previous monthly meeting approved as correct and accurate, Moved Keith Marsden second Ellie Dean Carried.

**Correspondence: In** = Newsletters, Gympie & District Orchid Society Inc. Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Bundaberg Orchid Society Inc, Nambour Orchid News, Rockhampton Horticultural Society, Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Inc, Nightcliff Orchid Society, Central QLD Bush house Orchid & Succulent Society, Mackay Orchidwise. Aon Insurance, Australia Orchid Council, .

**OUT** = Moved Gloria Wakefield Second by Sharyn Frisch Carried.

**Treasurers Report:** Bill Richardson Read and moved his report second Pat March.

**New Growers:** Keith Marsden thanked Trevor & Marg Handley for having us all go to their house. Next one will be at Lyn & Richard house, please bring a plate for afternoon tea and a chair.

**General Business:** SHOW- Name Badges new ones ready, Thanks to Jeff Glover for the story he put in the Orchids Australia, Great story Jeff. The new ribbons for this show have arrived, Webbers have donated a large TV for the door raffle. This will be used as 1st prize with the Wheel Trolley full of garden goodies 2nd prize. Don't forget the Cent Sale this year is on Sunday the 26th October.

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

**Lucky exhibitor:** Richard & Lyn Mann

**Raffle:** Jan Hogan, Diane Hughes, Shirley Peters, Gloria Wakefield, Moyna Richardson, Jeff Bloxsom, Jenny Moore.

**Meeting closed:** 9.55 pm.

**Next Meeting:** 23rd September 2014

**Jeff Bloxsom President**

**Gloria Wakefield Secretary**

## Monthly Competition Results. August 2014

(Plants tabled: Advanced: 30 Novice: 18)

<b><u>Judges Choice:</u></b>	<i>Paph.</i> Michael Koopowitz	T & E Dean
	<i>Rhy.</i> Kultana	J & M Bloxson
	<i>Vasco.</i> Crownfox Magic	T & E Dean

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### **Popular Vote - Advanced:**

<b>Cattleya up to 75mm:</b>	<i>Pot.</i> Husky Box	J & S Frisch
<b>Cattleya over 75mm:</b>	<i>Pot.</i> Katsky Sung	B & N Lakey
<b>Vandaceous: up to 60mm:</b>	<i>Rhy.</i> Kultana	J & M Bloxson
<b>Dendrobium:</b>	<i>Den.</i> Yukidaruma	J & S Frisch
<b>Phalaenopsis:</b>	<i>Dtps.</i> Chian Xen Super Idol	B & N Lakey
<b>Paphiopedilum:</b>	<i>Paph.</i> Michael Koopowitz	T & E Dean
<b>Species:</b>	<i>Rhy.</i> <i>gigantea</i>	K & R Smith
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>	<i>Cym.</i> Pinafore	T & E Dean

### **Popular Vote – Novice:**

<b>Cattleya:</b>	<i>Sc.</i> Gold Digger	R & L Mann
<b>Vandaceous:</b>	<i>Ascda.</i> Princess Mikasa	P & T Jenkinson
<b>Dendrobium:</b>	<i>Den.</i> Joyful Heart	S Rowcliffe
<b>Species:</b>	<i>Rhy.</i> Chorchalood	P & T Jenkinson

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*Rhy.* Kultana



*Vasco.* Crownfox Magic



*Paph.* Michael Koopowitz

# Show Champions Spring 2014



Grand Champion  
*Vasco. Pine Rivers*



*Phais.tankervilleae australis*



Best Large Display



Best Small Display



Best container garden



Best novice orchid

# Orchid Pests and Diseases

## Diagnosis, Treatment and Prevention

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



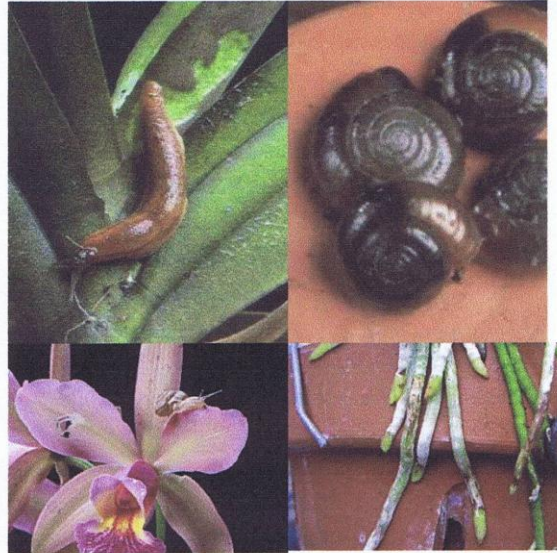
- **Plant Sap Feeding Insects**
  - Scale
  - Mealybugs
  - Thrips
  - Aphids
  - Whiteflies
- **Mites**
- **Chewing Pests**
  - Snails and Slugs
  - Caterpillars
  - Roaches and Grasshoppers
- **Ants**

Next month

## Symptoms and Treatment of Chewing Pests Snails and Slugs

**Symptoms:** These mollusks will leave holes and notches in the leaves, flowers roots and may chew off the growing tips. Chewed areas may also appear on buds. These nocturnal pests travel on a layer of slime and this slime trail is evidence of their presence.

**Treatment:** Chemical baits may be placed in the growing area. Ash and diatomaceous earth can be spread on horizontal surfaces to create a barrier though water will deactivate it. Beer in shallow tins can be spread in the growing area and the drowned pests removed the next day. Regular applications will have to be used because watering will disperse the controls.



bottom pictures courtesy of the American Orchid Society



### Ellie's Corner

Hello everyone. Welcome to the September 2014 edition of Ellie's Corner. I am typing this on 7 September so that means our DIAMOND JUBILEE SHOW (60 years) is just a few days off. I feel great excitement in the air as our members look forward to this momentous event. President Jeff is working

very hard and promises lots of "surprises". It is wonderful to know that our Society is so strong sixty years from its formation. I am looking forward to writing in next month's newsletter all about our highly successful show, and our unique celebrations.

Bill and Moyna Richardson went on Sound of Music Tour with Specialty Travel in June. They flew to Venice and had two days sight-seeing. Next stop was Lake Bled in Slovenia. 2 days then off to Eagles Nest which was Hitler's mountain top guest house. It was not destroyed after the war because Hitler never slept there and rarely visited because he was afraid of heights. It was a folly gifted to him by the party!! Salzburg was next. They got to tour the mansion and grounds used in the Sound of Music and saw the nunnery the real Maria came from. Everyone enjoyed the winery in Vienna, Budapest was stunning, Melk Abbey in the Wachau valley was so ornate and covered in gold leaf that it was over the top. After travelling to many interesting and beautiful places it was off to the Lake District. They went to Hill End where Beatrix Potter lived and wrote. Moyna got a snap of a rabbit in the fields there...most likely a descendent of Peter Rabbit. They toured William Wordsworth House, Dove Cottage and Lake Windamere. Stirling Castle on the Scottish Border had been beautifully restored. A highlight was a farm visit in the highlands. His Galloway cattle have hides so thick that they stay out in the snow during winter. Bill enjoyed the visit to the scotch distillery and tasting. Then off to the local Highland Games in Meldrum. Got shots of what Scotsmen wear under their kilts while competing...black bike pants!! They did not see the Loch Ness monster but Moyna bought his cousin Jess for their granddaughter, Melissa.



After walking the Royal Mile in Edinburgh some of them went to the Scottish Show and dinner in converted stables in a rather posh setting. They had a tour around some of the venues for the Commonwealth Games before they flew home. They were soon off again on their annual trip to Canberra for their granddaughter Jasmyn's 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday. She likes them coming late now that she is at school as she gets TWO Birthday cakes!! They bought her an Angry Bird beanie in Budapest (a game she plays on their iPad). It was freezing as usual...often 2 to 8 Celsius. Moyna said she went for a long walk each day and just about froze her nose off!! *Thank you Moyna for your entertaining story of your travels.*

John and Sharyn Frisch have also been travelling. I wish space permitted me to write more about Sharyn and John's adventures, but I will fit in as much as possible. Early in May they flew to London to rendezvous with their son Ashley and his new wife Katie who had arrived two weeks prior on the second leg of their year long honeymoon. They bought a station wagon and fitted it out for camping. They saw the Natural History Museum and the British Museum in London. Then they travelled south to Dover. Katie and Ashley camped and John and Sharyn stayed in B&B's and Hotels. They had a perfect day for their channel crossing. They headed north to Belgium and spent some time around Ypres and the many WW1 cemeteries, some of which are solely Australian. They are all so beautifully and respectfully manicured. Every evening of the year at 8 pm in Ypres there is a ceremony with the Last Post and the laying of wreaths at a huge Memorial, the Menin Gate. It is attended by hundreds. Just south of Amsterdam they found Keukenhof, a 32 hectare garden filled with more than 7 million tulips, daffodils, and hyacinth. There were huge pavilions featuring different flowers including orchids, mostly phalaenopsis. However, the Amaryllis (lily) pavilion was undoubtedly the "piece de resistance". Keukenhof boasted the largest lily show on earth and they did not disappoint!! In Amsterdam they enjoyed visits to Ann Frank House, Museums, Floating Flower Markets, Maritime Museum and, of course, Canal Tours which were the best in Europe. They drove along the Zuider Zee and made their way into central Germany and then North towards Denmark. Germany has thousands upon thousands of wind generators. Enroute to Denmark they found Glucksburg Castle, one of the most important Renaissance castles in Northern Europe. Situated on the Flensburg Fjord, it is magnificent in its serenity and was certainly one of the highlights for them. They enjoyed Copenhagen with its lovely harbours and "Little Mermaid", Hans Christian Anderson house and that is where they left Katie and Ashley. They caught the fast train via Hamburg to Amsterdam in order to board their River Cruise on the Avalon Vista to Budapest (15 days), 68 locks, through glorious countryside, gorges, vineyards, past hundreds of castles and fortresses, cities and quaint villages via the Rhine, Main and Danube (which isn't blue) Rivers. Vienna is an architectural wonder, every building is awe inspiring. They were looked after like royalty on this ship, every meal a banquet. They then flew to Warsaw to join a 12 day bus trip through Southern Poland and Eastern Germany taking in the most important and grizzly WW2 sites. With Munich as their base, they had trips to Salsburg and the magnificent Austrian Lakes District. They took the train to Berlin and did everything that tourists do there. Off again on the fast train to the magnificent old city of Prague in the Czech Republic and booked in to their apartment. There was a knock at the door and there stood Ashley and Katie who had rearranged their itinerary and back tracked so they could have the last 3 days with John and Sharyn. What a wonderful surprise and they all had a great time together. Sharyn told me that these are only the highlights of their holiday and all the while John just wanted to come home and go fishing!! *Thank you Sharyn for sharing memories of your holiday.*

We welcomed Craig Schultz and Allan White as new members at our last meeting. We wish them a long & happy association with our Society. I will write more about them next month.

In October I will also be writing about the trip to Singapore that was enjoyed by Jeff and Marilyn Bloxson, Jeff and Norma Glover and Max and Sue Rawlings. I have heard that they all had a great time!!

Once again our Society has suffered a sad loss with the passing of a much loved member, Ted Mannion. I know all members send Alice and their family their love and sympathy at this tragic time. I will write a tribute to Ted in next month's newsletter.

Till then my love and prayers are with you.

*ELLIE DEAN.*

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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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**Your Orchid Diary 2014**

**September 23<sup>rd</sup> Rockhampton O.S. General meeting**  
September 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Glasshouse Country O/S Show  
**October 28<sup>th</sup> Rockhampton O.S. General meeting**  
**November 25<sup>th</sup> Rockhampton O.S. General meeting**

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

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